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Something is brewing on The Darkside



Oliver, Megan and Iggy Mahon pose for a photo in front of their new Dartmouth café called The Darkside. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Have a seat. New Dartmouth café celebrating community with coffee, culture

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Megan and Oliver Mahon are proud to call themselves darksiders.

But when the husband and wife made the big move across the water from Halifax to north Dartmouth a little more than a year ago, they noticed a problem: The neighbourhood was in desperate need of a place to get a decent cup of joe that wasn't a Tim Hortons.

That's when Megan, trained as a photographer, and Oliver, who previously worked in banking, decided to open up their own café, fittingly titled The Darkside, a name synonymously used to describe Dartmouth and, for some, its unsafe reputation.

"We love living in Dartmouth," Oliver Mahon said Tuesday, adding that the shop's one-of-a-kind name speaks to the sense of com-

munity pride the couple felt when they first moved to the area.

Located along Windmill Road, across the street from St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, the 20-seat café serves up espresso-based coffee — including a medium-roast Chuck Norris blend that Mahon warns is not for the faint of heart — as well as an array of baked goods and Indian food.

Bill Yochoff, one of the

reasons to drop in.

Mahon explained the shop is part café, part art gallery that will "break out the wine and cheese" every month to showcase and sell the work of different Dartmouth artists, including his wife's own photography.

"We feel that art can be best appreciated over a good cup of coffee and food," he said, adding there will be a focus on immigrant artists and new

Quoted

"It's nice to have a new coffee shop in this part of town."

Robert Doyle, who works across the street at St. Paul's Rectory

locals in the neighbourhood, already calls himself a "repeat customer" despite the café only being a few days old.

"I think this may open the doors for other small businesses to set up in this area," he said while sipping his coffee on the café's patio Tuesday afternoon.

Although coffee may be what brings people in the door, it's the art on the shop's bright purple walls that the couple hopes will become one of the main

Canadians to help them become better known by the wider community.

Since they've opened, Mahon said there has been an outpouring of support from residents and other small businesses in the area, who he guesses are not only excited about the coffee, but also happy to welcome change in the neighbourhood.

"Here in Dartmouth we just want to scream out, 'Yes, we're proud darksiders,'" he said.

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Citizenship ceremony sees 50 become new Canadians

'Like a new life.'

People from 20 countries around the world sworn in as part of Citizenship Week celebrations

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Moments after Derlima Nelwan finished swearing the oath of citizenship, she leaned over and kissed her daughter on the cheek as a cheering crowd welcomed the group of new Canadians home.

"I feel different now ... like a new life," she said after a special citizenship ceremony that was held at North Dartmouth Community Centre Tuesday afternoon.

Nelwan was one of 50 new Canadians from 20 countries around the world, who were sworn in as a part of Citizenship Week celebrations.

"It isn't just a certificate or a passport. It means much more than that," Judge Ann Janega, who officiated the ceremony, said of citizenship in her opening words.

Canada's Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

By the numbers

260,000

The estimated number of new immigrants Canada welcomes each year. Around 85 per cent eventually go on to become citizens.



Shufen Wu takes a photo of her son Joe, 4, during a citizenship ceremony at the Dartmouth North Community Centre on Tuesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Chris Alexander, who made a special appearance, also addressed the crowd of new Canadians and spectators, speaking about the meaning of citizenship as a way to become more involved in the greater Canadian community.

The purpose of becoming

a citizen, he said, is "to build a country that is much more than the sum of its parts."

Following the raising of their right hands to take the oath of citizenship, one by one each new citizen received their official certificate and a token Canadian flag, most wearing

big smiles, while others had tears in their eyes.

"I find it really emotional for me because it's been long journey for us coming here to Canada," said 30-year-old Fidahmelwan Nelwan afterwards choking back tears. "It's not easy to leave the country to start a new

life, to start everything from the beginning."

The ceremony closed with a singing of the national anthem — in both French and English — and then a small party for new Canadians, featuring a red and white cake and a spread of Tim Hortons.

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Duane Rhyno. Accused in human-trafficking case can practise law again

A man accused of human trafficking and prostitution-related crimes is allowed to go back to practising law.

The Nova Scotia Barristers' Society's website confirms that Duane Rhyno, a Lower Sackville lawyer, can resume practising law effective Oct. 10 — but with certain conditions.

Rhyno cannot practise criminal law in relation to any of the offences he is accused of committing. His licence to practice was suspended Oct. 3, after his Oct. 1 arrest in Greenwich.

He is charged with hu-



Duane Rhyno KINGS COUNTY REGISTER

man trafficking, living off the avails of prostitution and sexual assault in connection with events dating back to July 2013. KINGS COUNTY REGISTER

15th year. Dartmouth set for Walk Against Violence

Residents, community workers and members of the Halifax Regional Police will gather to march in the 15th annual Dartmouth North Walk Against Violence taking place on Tuesday night.

The anti-violence walk commemorates the unsolved death

of Jason MacCullough, who was murdered on a pathway between Joseph Young Street and Pinecrest Drive on Aug. 28, 1999.

This year's walk will begin outside the Boys and Girls Club on 60 Farrell St. Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. METRO

Pictou. Man charged with taking a bite out of a nose

A Pictou man accused of biting off the tip of another man's nose will return to court next month.

Randall Edwin Mills, 47, is charged with aggravated assault in connection with the incident alleged to have taken place on Oct. 10 in Pictou.

The victim was taken to the hospital in New Glasgow

where he was admitted and sent to Halifax for surgery for what were deemed to be non-life-threatening injuries.

Mills was released from custody Tuesday on two \$1,000 sureties and will return to court Nov. 17.

While released from custody, Mills is on house arrest and must abide by strict conditions. NEW GLASGOW NEWS



Police sift through dirt on Africville Road as part of the murder investigation last year. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Police offering reward for info in 2013 murder

Matthew Thomas Sudds. HRP hoping an 'incentive' will lead to someone with info on death of 24-year-old to come forward



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Halifax police say there are still people with information about last year's murder of Matthew Thomas Sudds, and are hoping a reward program provides "incentive" for them to come forward.

Sudds, 24, was last seen in Halifax around 4 p.m. on Oct. 10, 2013, and spoke with family members that evening.

On Oct. 14, Sudds' body was found in a ditch on Africville



Matthew Thomas Sudds FACEBOOK

Road by a woman out for a walk. He had been shot.

"This is an ongoing investigation and we haven't had any information leading to an arrest and charges at this time," Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages said Tuesday.

A 29-year-old Halifax man and 23-year-old Halifax woman now living in Ontario were also

arrested in May but released less than 24 hours later.

Bourdages said he couldn't comment whether the people arrested were still considered suspects in the murder case, or whether investigators have other suspects in mind.

In March, police issued an appeal for help from anyone who saw a black Dodge Charger with out-of-province plates on Africville Road after 6 p.m. on Oct. 14.

The province added Sudds' case to its provincial rewards program in April, which means anyone who provides information to police that leads to an arrest or conviction can receive up to \$150,000.

"There are people with information that have yet to come forward," Bourdages said. "We do hope that that's going to give someone the incentive they need."

Bourdages said police have heard "quite a bit" from the public over the last year, but the large amount of tips has not led to charges.

Until the police finds those responsible for Sudds' murder, Bourdages said "it's almost impossible" to suggested whether or not he had been targeted.

Sudds had criminal convictions dating back to February of 2008 for drug possession and trafficking, liquor possession, breaching court conditions and uttering threats. His most recent conviction was last September, when he was fined for drug possession.

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Province commits \$5 million more to Yarmouth-Portland ferry service

Nova Scotia to Maine.

Nova Star public funding up to \$26M

Another \$5 million in public funds will be spent to help the troubled ferry service between Yarmouth, N.S., and Portland, Maine, and more money could be set aside in the future, the provincial government said Tuesday.

The new funding brings the total amount of taxpayers' money for the service to \$26 million after Nova Star Cruises devoured a \$21-million seven-year loan in the first two months of the sailing season.

Economic Development Minister Michel Samson, who last year announced that the recently elected Liberal government amended the loan deal in an effort to better protect public funds, said the new money was needed to cover the operation's costs.

"Nova Scotians said yes to us and they said yes to getting that ferry," Samson said. "A



The Nova Star ferry dwarfs the city of Portland's fire boat as it prepares to leave on May 15. ROBERT F. BUKATY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

tremendous amount of work had been done and we felt that we had to give this a go."

Samson said the money is intended to help cover outstanding costs from the inaugural sailing season, which ended Tuesday, three weeks earlier than planned, due to a

lack of passengers.

"The numbers are nowhere near what the company originally projected and revenues were not enough to cover its costs during this initial season," said Samson.

He said the new money will be used to cover fuel, in-

surance and crew costs. Some of it may likely also go towards future costs, he added.

Samson said he has directed the company to pursue all leads in a bid to find winter work for the vessel.

There is no agreement for such work and Samson said

the ship could face significant costs for expenses such as berthing.

He said discussions were ongoing about more potential help from the government.

"What I'm telling you today is we also have to be

Quoted

"We agree with giving the ferry a chance and today is giving it a chance, but the time has come to see a plan to see where this is going in the future."

Tory Leader Jamie Baillie

prepared in case there is no winter work," he said.

The previous NDP government promised last year to revive the service after killing it early in its mandate in 2009 by eliminating an annual subsidy.

That subsidy totalled \$15.7 million over the last four years that the ferry service was in operation, which began in 1997.

Last November, shortly after they were elected, the Liberals amended a deal signed by the NDP that Samson said at the time would give the province greater oversight of the ferry operator's finances. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Crewman dies as vessel makes final voyage

A 52-year-old Nova Star crewman died Monday afternoon aboard the ferry while it was en route to Portland, Maine, on the last Yarmouth-to-Portland crossing of the 2014 sailing season.

He died at 3:30 p.m. shortly after collapsing, says Dennis Bailey, a Nova Star Cruises spokesman.

The company said it is awaiting the report by the medical examiner regarding the cause of death and will withhold further comments until notification of next of kin.

Some nurses who were passengers on the vessel stepped in to assist and do what they could to save the

man's life, the Vanguard has learned.

The company's spokesperson Dennis Bailey said the ship has a very experienced and well-trained crew who are certified and trained for any foreseeable incident.

"Nova Star is fully compliant with all requirements

for onboard medical equipment and training," Bailey said.

"We have many first aiders and the ship's dedicated medical officer has been trained to a higher standard having had advanced training to enable someone to diagnose medical problems and provide medical care to

the sick and injured while they remain on board," he added.

First aid supplies are available on every deck, Bailey noted.

He also said the ship's medical centre is equipped according to international standards and USCG requirements. **YARMOUTH VANGUARD**

Season ends

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Hurricane headed for Atlantic waters

Gonzalo. Storm brewing in Caribbean, could hit Maritimes this weekend



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While it's still too early to know whether the latest hurricane forming in the Caribbean will hit Nova Scotia, an Environment Canada meteorologist said it's "definitely something to keep an eye on."

Tracey Talbot said on Tuesday afternoon Hurricane Gonzalo was a Category 2 located "well east" of the Bahamas over open water, but was expected to move northwest and strengthen to a Category 4 hurricane by Thursday.

Talbot said it's hard to tell whether Gonzalo will affect Nova Scotia because it depends on how the storm interacts with a frontal system from Quebec passing through Atlantic Canada around Friday or Saturday.

"That will influence where exactly it heads and how fast it will be moving," Talbot said.

"It's definitely something that we have to keep an eye on, even for mainland Nova Scotia because it's so far out right now."

She said the hurricane's path currently looks like it could deliver strong winds and rain over Newfoundland and possibly Cape Breton this



Surfers ride the waves at La Pared Beach in Luquillo, Puerto Rico, on Tuesday.
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Hurricane centre

The Canadian Hurricane Centre in Dartmouth will likely be activated Wednesday, which happens when a hurricane is expected to pass through Canadian waters within 72 hours.

weekend.

Talbot said the colder Maritime waters could rob the hurricane of the strength it picked up from the Caribbean and slow it down, but if it interacts with the frontal system at the right time the temperature difference be-

tween cold and warm air could change it to an "extra-tropical storm."

"That doesn't mean that the winds will not be as strong, it's just a different structure," she said.

Although Gonzalo looks like it will pass well east of Nova Scotia, Talbot said it's "not out of the realm of possibilities" it could pass over Halifax because the forecast can quickly change.

"The storm already has its pre-set plan of what it's going to do," Talbot said. "It's just us trying to figure out well in advance what it's going to do."

Highway improvements

Province, feds, to spend big on roads

The federal and Nova Scotia governments say they will spend up to \$50 million to upgrade 130 kilometres of highway in the province.

Federal funding of up to \$20 million will come from the New Building Canada Plan and will be spent over four years for 22 projects on 100-series highways.

Nova Scotia Transportation Minister Geoff MacLellan says the province will provide up to \$30 million for the improvements.

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Sombre anniversary. Airport marks 10 years since cargo jet crashed

Flags were flying at half-mast Monday at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport to mark 10 years since a cargo jet crashed during takeoff, killing seven crew members.

The British-based MK Airlines 747 went down just beyond the runway on Oct. 14, 2004.

The Boeing aircraft dragged its tail before breaking up and bursting into flames in a wooded area.

No one survived.

A lengthy investigation by the Transportation Safety Board of Canada found that

Wreath laid

The Halifax Stanfield International Airport says a wreath-laying ceremony was held Tuesday at a monument erected near the site where the aircraft came to rest.

crew fatigue and inadequate software training led the crew to enter incorrect information and caused the plane to set the throttles too low for a good takeoff.

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Lawyers debate whether murder conviction review should stay sealed

Glen Eugene Assoun.

Media lawyer argues publication ban in possible miscarriage of justice goes too far

Lawyers for the federal Justice Department and a Nova Scotia man whose murder conviction may have been the result of a miscarriage of justice say a preliminary assessment of the case should not be made public because it is protected under privacy law and could create a "chilling effect" on an ongoing review.

The lawyers argued Tuesday against the release of the preliminary assessment of the second-degree murder conviction of Glen Eugene Assoun, who was sentenced to life in prison in 1999 for stabbing his former girlfriend. He has maintained his innocence.



The Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax is shown in this file photo. METRO HALIFAX

The Justice Department has said the recently completed assessment shows there may have been a miscarriage of justice in the case and a more in-depth investigation

has been launched.

Philip Campbell, Assoun's lawyer, said he plans to use the assessment in a bail hearing for Assoun next month, but that is based on the

understanding that its contents would be covered by a publication ban. He said the information in the assessment is "highly confidential, highly personal and highly

sensitive ... to the ongoing work of the investigation."

Media lawyer Alan Parish, representing the CBC, argued in court that the application for a publication ban and sealing of the document goes too far. Parish said it's possible an edited version could be made public and he asked Judge James Chipman to go through the document and rule on what portions can be released.

Parish also said he didn't hear any evidence that the release of the information would violate privacy or could taint a future jury. "There's no evidence here anybody here was promised confidentiality," he said. "Nothing."

Patricia MacPhee, a lawyer for the federal Justice Department, said if the assessment became public it would have a "chilling effect on the process" and cause the federal government not to provide preliminary assessments in

Ruling

Judge James Chipman said he expects to provide a ruling later this month or early next month.

the future to lawyers representing people who are wrongfully convicted.

"There is a lot of information provided by witnesses that is kept confidential in order to protect the integrity of the next stage, which will be more in-depth," she said.

Marian Fortune-Stone, a lawyer for the Nova Scotia Crown, said in court she supports the motion to keep the investigation confidential. She said third parties such as the police who spoke to the Crown did so on the understanding it was for use in a preliminary investigation.

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Stop and smell the flowers ... or pollinate them

A bee works busily away on a Collarette Dahlia at Public Gardens on Tuesday. The gardens has a large selection of dahlias in full bloom that the public can come and view. JEFF HARPER/METRO

On the trail of engagement

Take a hike. Trans Canada Trail officer hired for Cape Breton

With the Trans Canada Trail completion less than three years away, Cape Breton native Jessica Farrell has been tasked with ensuring the island is ready for hikers and kayakers by summer of 2017.

Farrell has been hired by the Nova Scotia Trails Federation as Cape Breton's Trans Canada Trail engagement officer, and will be responsible for engaging island communities in the completion of waterway and land routes on the island.

"I was just really interested in the community development aspect, also the outdoor aspect, and it's a really great opportunity to work with the communities," said the Cape Breton University master's student.

With the cross-country trail to be finished by July 1, 2017, Farrell said there's a tight timeline to complete the proposed Cape Breton trail, which is already mapped out, by that date. She said the land trail from



Jessica Farrell

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the Canso Causeway up to Inverness is complete, and it's then proposed to come down to the Bras d'Or Lake. The trail will continue as a water route around the Bras d'Or Lake, Whycocomagh, and then to North Sydney.

"A big part of the trail is the water route which will go around the Bras d'Or Lakes ... and there will be about two dozen access points," she said.

Farrell said they'd especially like to see communities come forward and say they want to be involved in the trail.

CAPE BRETON POST

Museum mischief

Heritage centre break-ins under investigation

Shelburne RCMP are investigating two break-ins that have caused thousands of dollars in damage to the new Black Loyalist Heritage Centre, which is currently being re-built in Birchtown.

RCMP say the first incident took place sometime over the weekend of Sept. 5 to 7, and then again between Sept. 12 to 14.

The Black Loyalist Heritage Society reported the vandals first broke into the construction site and spray-painted one of the glass doors. The second time they smashed a one-litre bottle of olive oil against one of the building's stone walls, causing permanent stains.

The museum has a previous history of vandalism, with the original site being burnt down by arson in 2006.

Shelburne RCMP are asking the public for assistance in identifying the suspects. Anyone with information should contact RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

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Pistorius offered slain girlfriend's family 'blood money': Prosecutor

Sentencing hearing. Offer revealed during cross-examination of a social worker over what Pistorius's punishment should be

Oscar Pistorius offered \$34,000 US to the family of girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp after he killed her, but they rejected it because they did not want "blood money," a prosecutor said Tuesday on the second day of the sentencing hearing for the double-amputee athlete.

Chief prosecutor Gerrie Nel also referred to separate monthly payments of \$550 that Pistorius apparently did make to Steenkamp's parents after they asked for help. Nel said that money would be paid back in full.



Oscar Pistorius leaves North Gauteng High Court Tuesday in Pretoria, South Africa. Pistorius will be sentenced having been found guilty of the culpable homicide of his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp after mistaking her for an intruder.

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Outside the courtroom, a lawyer for Steenkamp's par-

ents said they had asked him to contact Pistorius's attor-

neys weeks after the Feb. 14, 2013, shooting because they

were struggling financially. Pistorius offered them monthly payments and asked they be kept confidential, Steenkamp lawyer Dup de Bruyn said.

Yet Steenkamp's mother referred to the other offer of \$34,000 that the family rejected as "blood money" and asked prosecutor Nel to call it that in court, de Bruyn said. "The words 'blood money' are her words," de Bruyn said.

Social worker Annette Vergeer, one of four witnesses called by the defence, testified that Pistorius should be placed under house arrest, rather than sent to prison, after his conviction for culpable homicide, or negligent killing. She said Pistorius has the potential to be a productive member of society again. A sentence of house arrest and work at a school for disabled children would be more appropriate, she said.

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Sentencing

Light or heavy, judge to decide

Judge Thokozile Masipa has wide latitude when deciding on a sentence — from a fine and a suspended jail term to 15 years in prison. The judge found Oscar Pistorius not guilty of murder, concluding he acted hastily and with excessive force, but didn't intend to kill Reeva Steenkamp.

Two social workers have recommended that Pistorius be given a three-year correctional supervision sentence, which would place him under house arrest and require him to do community service. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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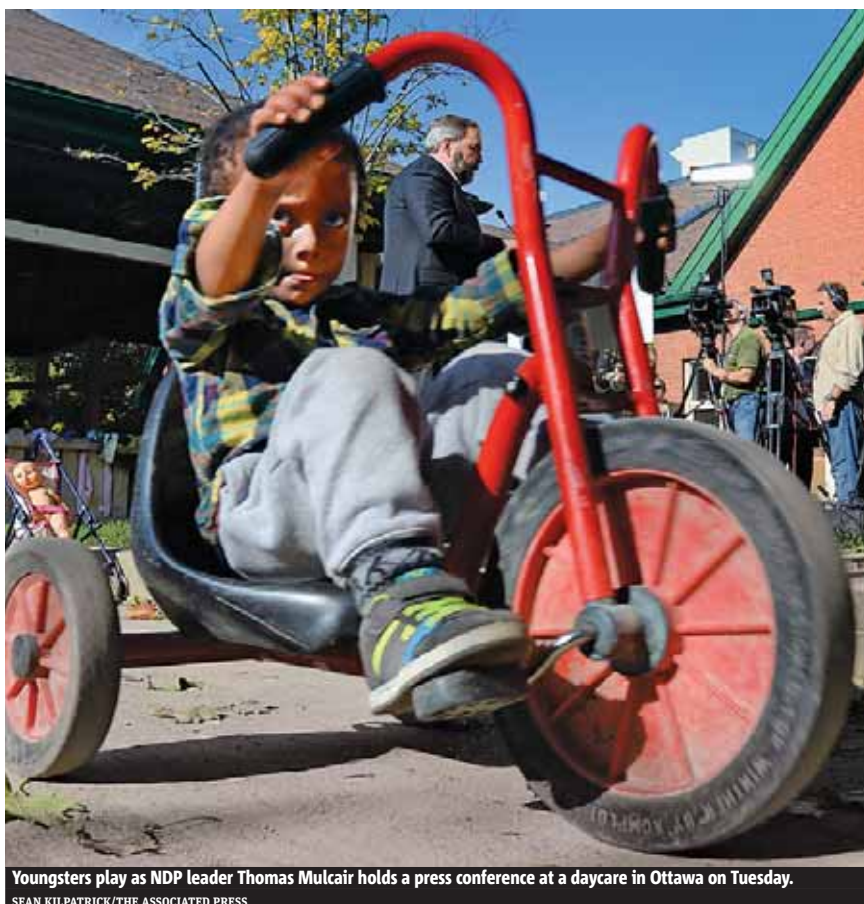
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NDP would create a million subsidized daycare spaces

No more than \$15 per day. Plan would cost feds \$5 billion yearly, announces Mulcair

An NDP government would spend \$5 billion a year to create a million daycare spaces that parents could access for no more than \$15 a day, Tom Mulcair promised Tuesday.

A full year ahead of the next scheduled federal election, the NDP leader unveiled a cornerstone of his party's platform: creation of a national, affordable child-care program, to be phased in over eight years.

The announcement had all the trappings of a campaign event, with Mulcair delivering the news in the playground of a community daycare as children

cavorted behind him, in full view of television cameras.

"For us it's a priority to create these affordable child-care spaces across the country," Mulcair said.

The proposal is the second platform plank New Democrats have unveiled this fall as they attempt to re-establish that they, not the resurgent Liberals, are the real government-in-waiting.

Mulcair argued that a national child-care program would "more than pay for itself," allowing more women to enter the workforce, boosting economic growth and tax revenue and reducing the number of single mothers on social assistance — while ensuring kids get off to a good start in life.

"It's something that we can't afford not to do."

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Making it happen

In the first term of an NDP government, Mulcair is promising to negotiate deals with the provinces, which would pick up 40 per cent of the cost while the feds paid the rest.

- Over the first four years, the annual federal contribution would ramp up from \$290 million to \$1.9 billion, creating or helping maintain almost 800,000 child-care spaces. Over the second four years, the annual federal contribution would grow to \$5 billion. Once phased in, Mulcair said the program would support or maintain the creation of one million daycare spaces.

Court orders Brazeau do two months of rehab

A Quebec court has ordered suspended senator Patrick Brazeau to go to rehab for two months after he was arrested Monday for allegedly being drunk behind the wheel of a parked car with a knife in the vehicle.

Crown attorney Sylvain Petitclerc says Brazeau will be released Wednesday into the care of a rehabilitation facility in Sherbrooke, Que.

Brazeau faces three charges — two related to being behind the wheel of a car while impaired, and a third for possessing a weapon in breach of his bail conditions.

Petitclerc says he'll remain in rehab until Dec. 8, the date of his next court appearance on the latest charges, but his therapy may continue for up to two years.

The senator spent the night in custody after a police officer who spotted Brazeau alone in a car reported smelling alcohol on his breath and finding a knife in the car.

Gatineau police spokesman Const. Pierre Lanthier says Brazeau was arrested after he blew twice the legal limit during a roadside breathalyzer test. Po-



Sen. Patrick Brazeau arrives at the Senate in Ottawa on Oct. 22, 2013. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

lice say he also failed a second breathalyzer test at the police station.

The car has been impounded for 30 days, and Brazeau's licence has been suspended for 90 days.

Lanthier said he didn't know if the car belonged to Brazeau or to someone else.

This is Brazeau's second trip to rehab in recent months. Earlier this year, he completed a stint at a rehabilitation facility in the Quebec municipality of Saint-Andre-d'Argenteuil, which is located along the Ot-

tawa River just south of the town of Lachute.

That trip resulted from his arrest in April, when he was charged with assault, possession of cocaine, uttering threats and breaching bail conditions following an altercation involving a man and a woman at a home in Gatineau. He has pleaded not guilty to those charges.

One of the conditions of his release from custody in April was that he not possess any weapons.

Brazeau also faces charges of assault and sexual assault in relation to a separate incident from February 2013 that got him booted from the Conservative caucus. He will stand trial for those charges in late March 2015.

He also faces charges of fraud and breach of trust in connection with his Senate expense claims.

Last year the Senate ordered Brazeau to pay back almost \$50,000 over disputed expense claims. He refused and the Senate garnishees his salary until last November, when he was suspended without pay.

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Canadian Cancer Society. Plain packaging for tobacco 'logical next step'

The Canadian Cancer Society says plain packaging for tobacco products is a "logical next step" to curb tobacco marketing and save lives.

In a report released Tuesday, the society urges Health Canada to follow Australia and other countries by implementing plain packaging.

Such packaging means tobacco company colours, logo and design elements are not allowed. Health warnings would still appear on plain packages.

The society says data from Australia shows smoking has fallen sharply since plain olive brown packaging was introduced in December 2012.

Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and France are all in the process of requiring plain packaging.

Rob Cunningham, a senior

policy analyst at the society, says cigarette packages "should not be mini-billboards promoting tobacco use."

"Plain packaging is an important and logical next step for Canada to curb tobacco marketing, reduce smoking and save lives."

The Canadian Cancer Society report also ranks 198 countries and jurisdictions based on the size of their health warnings on cigarette packages.

It says Canada is tied for fourth place with Brunei and Nepal with package warnings covering 75 per cent of the package front and back.

Thailand ranks first in the world at 85 per cent, Australia is second at 82.5 per cent and Uruguay is third at 80 per cent.

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An Australian mock-up of a proposed cigarette package with the banding removed and graphic health warnings displayed is pictured in 2010. The Canadian Cancer Society says plain packaging for tobacco products is the next step to curb tobacco marketing and save lives.

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Daniel Pettley exhales vapour as he demonstrates the use of his electronic cigarette at Salt Lake Vapors in Salt Lake City. Poison control workers say that as the e-cigarette industry has boomed, the number of children exposed to the liquid nicotine, seen in inset, is also spiking. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Exposure of kids to e-cig nicotine rises

The drug. It comes in brightly coloured refill packages and an array of candy flavours

Poison control workers say that as the e-cigarette industry has boomed, the number of children exposed to the liquid nicotine that gives handheld vaporizing gadgets their kick also has spiked.

More than 2,700 people have called poison control this year to report an exposure to liquid nicotine, over

half of those cases in children younger than six, according to national statistics. The number shows a sharp rise from only a few hundred total cases just three years ago.

The battery-powered electronic vaporizers often resemble traditional cigarettes and work by heating liquid nicotine into an inhalable mist. The drug comes in brightly coloured refill packages and an array of candy flavours that can make it attractive to young children, heightening the exposure risk and highlighting the need for users to keep it away from youngsters.

"With kids, the exposure we're seeing is usually parents or family members leave out refill bottles that they try and open," said Ashley Webb, director of the Kentucky Regional Poison Control Center.

Poison control workers often see a spike in calls with new and growing products, Webb said. The number of e-cigarette users has climbed to several million worldwide, and the devices have become the centre of an industry that has grown in the last four years from about \$82 million to \$2.5 billion in annual sales,

at least \$500 million of which comes from liquid nicotine.

Despite the recent increase, liquid nicotine exposures are still less than half of traditional cigarettes, but e-juice is potentially more toxic, said Robert Bassett, a medical toxicologist in Philadelphia.

"It would be really hard for a child to eat a whole pack of cigarettes, but now we're dealing with these very, very concentrated forms you get more than a pack of cigarettes in a small, ingestible amount," Bassett said.

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This product image released by Brands On Sale, Inc. shows a hazmat costume with a respirator. BRANDS ON SALE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ebola-themed costumes stirring controversy as Halloween approaches

'People are definitely asking.' Stores, social media buzzing about costumes based from the disease that has claimed over 4,000

No holiday screams pop culture controversy quite like Halloween.

So what's the costume flap of the year? It might just be Ebola, as in Ebola zombies, sexy Ebola patients and faux protective gear.

Twitter and other social media were abuzz leading into the holiday with talk of hazmat suits and respirators. Too soon? How about not at all, said Philadelphia physician's assistant Maria McKenna.

One of her own, a Dallas nurse who at 26 is exactly her age, was diagnosed with the virus in the United States after she helped care for a Liberian man who died at her hospital.

The idea of riffing on the crisis for Halloween "definitely rubs me the wrong way," said McKenna, who works with post-surgical patients.

"Normally I think that irony and humour is funny, but this thing with the costumes, is it really that funny? I mean, Ebola's not even under control yet," she said Monday by telephone.

Like it or not, some costume sellers have leftover yellow jumpsuits, rubber gloves and masks from the Breaking Bad craze last Halloween. Some sellers predict Halloweeners will repurpose those

for takes on Ebola or make their own getups.

Halloween, falling on a Friday, is sure to be a big season for many costume sellers, including Ricky's NYC.

Some revellers are notoriously last-minute on costumes, so it was a bit too early to tell whether all the talk about dressing up as Ebola something or other will actually take off. Talk, after all, especially on social media, is cheap.

"I wouldn't say we can see an uptick in sales. I'd say it's still chugging along because it's a good seller no matter what," said Ricky's president Richard Parrott of the Breaking Bad look.

"But people are definitely asking about an Ebola-type costume."

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To sell, or not to sell

Costume sellers are torn on whether to sell Ebola Halloween costumes.

- **Ricky's NYC.** President Richard Parrott considered carrying Ebola costumes — with proceeds going towards helping find a cure — but decided against it. He felt it crossed a line the company didn't want to cross.
- **Brands On Sale.** You can buy an Ebola containment suit online for \$79.99 US. Chief executive Johnathon Weeks says he's sold a dozen or so in the week since their Oct. 8 release.



Keys joins N.Y.C. 'Bring Back Our Girls' protest

Singer-songwriter Alicia Keys takes a "selfie" in front of the Nigerian consulate in New York on Tuesday as she joins protesters with the "Bring Back Our Girls" campaign marking the six-month anniversary of the kidnapping of more than 200 Nigerian schoolgirls. Protesters in Nigeria were set to march on the presidency calling for the release of 219 Nigerian schoolgirls that were kidnapped by Boko Haram militants. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fireworks explosion

Company offers settlement to families of 5 dead

A company sued by the families of five workers killed when fireworks exploded in an Oahu storage bunker in 2011 has proposed a \$1.5-million settlement.

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Wedding crasher

Police on hunt for wedding gift thief

Connecticut police are looking for a man they say posed as a guest at a wedding and then stole gifts from the newlyweds. Caught on surveillance, police used a screengrab to make and circulate a photo.

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Three new cases of metal in potatoes

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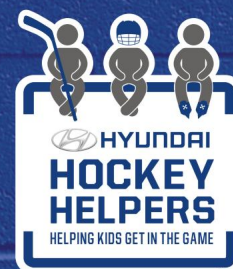
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Student website

Hacker posts support for ISIS

The University of New Brunswick Student Union says its website was hacked Monday after messages in support of the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) were posted in place of its usual content.

Student president Greg Bailey said the problem was identified Monday evening and it took their website provider about two hours to correct. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Quebec

Woman gets jail for stealing baby

A 21-year-old Quebec woman was sentenced to prison on Tuesday after pleading guilty to kidnapping a newborn from a maternity ward.

The Crown and defence agreed to a 31-month sentence for Valerie Poulin Collins. With time already spent in detention, she has two years less a day to serve in prison. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Hong Kong cops expel protesters

Pro-democracy movement. Tunnel operation the latest in tit-for-tat actions between authorities and demonstrators

Hundreds of Hong Kong police officers moved in early Wednesday to clear pro-democracy protesters out of a tunnel outside the city government headquarters in the latest escalation of tensions in a weeks-long political crisis.

Officers, many of them in riot gear and wielding pepper spray, tore down barricades and concrete slabs around the underpass.

The operation came hours after a large group of protesters blockaded the tunnel, expanding their protest zone after being cleared out of some other streets.

They outnumbered the police officers, who later returned with reinforcements to clear the area.

Local television broadcast

live footage of the operation and its aftermath, with officers taking away many protesters, their hands tied with plastic cuffs, and pushing others out to a nearby park.

The student-led protesters are now into their third week of occupying key parts of the city to pressure the Asian financial hub's government over curbs recommended by Beijing on democratic reforms.

Positions on both sides have been hardening since the government called off negotiations last week, citing the unlikelihood of a constructive outcome given their sharp differences.

The protesters want Hong Kong's deeply unpopular Beijing-backed leader, Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, to resign. They also want the Hong Kong government to drop plans for a pro-Beijing committee to screen candidates for the inaugural election to choose his replacement.

Leung has said there is "almost zero chance" that China's government will change its rules for the election, promised for 2017.

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A protester cries after police removed barricades that protesters had set up to block off main roads in the Central District in Hong Kong Tuesday. VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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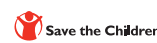
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Fighters from the Azov volunteer battalion shout slogans during the march marking the 72nd anniversary of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army in Kyiv, Ukraine, Tuesday. The Ukrainian Insurgent Army initially collaborated with the Nazis, believing Hitler would grant Ukraine independence, but then went on to fight both Nazi forces and the Red Army. SERGEI CHUZAVKOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chaos erupts outside Ukraine parliament

Kyiv. Protesters clash with police as lawmakers debate new laws, recognition of divisive independence group

Clashes broke out Tuesday between demonstrators and police in front of Ukraine's parliament in Kyiv as deputies inside repeatedly voted down proposals to recognize a contentious Second World War-era Ukrainian partisan group as national heroes.

Thousands of Svoboda nationalist party supporters rallied earlier in the capital in celebration of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army, whose struggle

Anti-corruption measures

One law backed by 278 out of 303 registered deputies creates an anti-corruption bureau to fight graft. Other approved provisions included laws to stem money-laundering and to increase corporate transparency.

for independence for Ukraine was tainted by its collaboration with the Nazis.

Later, masked men attacked and threw smoke grenades at lines of police outside parliament as lawmakers met inside. The Interior Ministry said 36 people were detained by police.

Meanwhile, at least 14 people, including seven civil-

ians and seven servicemen, were killed in fighting between pro-Russia separatists and government forces in eastern Ukraine. A ceasefire has been in place since early September but violations are reported daily.

Svoboda said its members were not responsible for the unrest in Kyiv, which police said was orchestrated by a small group of people at the rally.

The unrest overshadowed the passage of laws the government hopes will contain the galloping corruption that has long hindered Ukraine's sclerotic economy. President Petro Poroshenko urged lawmakers to keep up the fight against corruption, a problem that he equated with terrorism.

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Ottawa. National Defence to review policy forcing wounded out of military

Almost a year after facing a barrage of bad publicity, National Defence is having another look at a policy that ended the careers of gravely injured soldiers who wanted to remain in uniform.

Defence Minister Rob Nicholson has told a House of Commons committee that a working group was set up last summer to study the military's universality-of-service rule, which has been used as a pretext to release wounded combat veterans, many of them with post-traumatic stress.

At stake is the delicate balance between an individual's desire to serve and the need for troops to be fit enough to deploy for operations both at home and abroad, Nicholson said in a seven-page letter to the Commons defence committee.

"This working group is examining how the policy can be best applied to retain individuals who are willing and able to serve, while also ensuring the necessary availability of all Canadian Armed Forces personnel to perform their lawful military service," he said.

"Once this work is complete, the working group will provide recommendations to the chief of military personnel."

The defence committee conducted a study of care for ill and injured soldiers, and recommended last June that the policy be examined in light of complaints from soldiers who were summarily dismissed after pleading to remain.

Nicholson's response to the committee's overall report was quietly tabled in Parliament late last week.

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Models walk the runway during the Moschino show as a part of Milan Fashion Week Womenswear Spring/Summer 2015 on Sept. 18 in Milan, Italy. The brand has tried to keep up with the immediacy of social media by offering some items from the runway in stores during fashion week. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Geopolitical issues slowing sale of luxury goods: Study

Global conflicts a factor.

Unrest in Ukraine, Hong Kong, Thailand, among other issues, have slowed the purchase of luxury goods this year

A tumultuous series of geopolitical events has slowed global sales in the luxury goods sector, according to a study presented Tuesday, while deeper, longer-term trends in the sector are being shaped by social media.

An annual study by Bain & Co. consultancy indicates sales of designer apparel, leather

Quoted

"Luxury consumption depends not only on personal wealth, micro and macroeconomic environment, but also the overall consumer confidence, so all of these dangerous events have had a strong impact."

Claudia D'Arpizio, senior partner at Bain & Co.

goods and jewelry are expected to increase two per cent this year to 223 billion euros (\$282 billion US) compared with three per cent growth in 2013 and 10 per cent in 2012.

The crisis in Ukraine, demonstrations in Hong Kong, a military coup in Thailand along with record cold in North America and declining con-

sumer confidence in Europe all have slowed the pace of luxury goods purchases, said senior partner Claudia D'Arpizio.

Chinese consumers retain their place as the biggest collective spenders, responsible for nearly one-third of global luxury goods spending, although growth there was slowing amid anti-corruption meas-

ures by the government and a weaker economy.

Over the longer-term, the immediacy of social media in diffusing trends straight from the runways is putting pressure on brands to get their goods to consumers more quickly, D'Arpizio said.

"This is important because once fashion weeks were events catering to the industry and special press, but the wider public wasn't fully aware what was happening," she said.

Moschino is an example of a brand getting ahead of the shift, by offering in stores during fashion week a sampling of the items it was previewing.

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Any worms in that burger? McDonald's confronts questions about its food

McDonald's wants to explain why its burgers may not rot and that there are no worms in its beef.

The world's biggest hamburger chain is confronting unappetizing questions as part of a U.S. campaign to beat back perceptions that it serves Frankenfood. The company has run similar campaigns in Canada and Australia and said Monday it's bringing the effort to its flagship market.

The push comes as McDonald's fights to boost its performance in the U.S., where sales slid 1.5 per cent at established locations in the most recent quarter, following a 0.2 per cent dip for last year. In addition to increased competition, McDonald's is trying to keep up with changing tastes, with places such as Chipotle marketing their food as more wholesome alternatives.

For its latest campaign, among the first issues McDonald's addresses are widely circulated online images and videos that show its burgers staying intact after several weeks or even years.

On its webpage, McDonald's says that's likely because the food has dehydrated, and that food needs moisture to form mould. The company's

New campaign

Ben Stringfellow, vice-president of communications for McDonald's USA, said in a phone interview that the campaign is a new way of engaging with customers more directly. He noted people are demanding more information about products across the board, not just from McDonald's.

responses to other questions such as "Does McDonald's beef contain worms?" are more direct: "No. Gross! End of story."

A video posted on the company's home page also showed Grant Imahara, a former host of the TV show Mythbusters, touring a Cargill beef plant where McDonald's patties are made.

"Are there lips and eyeballs in there, Jimmy?" Imahara asks a plant supervisor, who explains that the patties only have beef trimmings.

Another guide says the patties do not contain lean finely textured beef, an ingredient widely referred to as "pink slime" that became the subject of controversy a few years ago.

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This file photo shows a McDonald's Big Mac sandwich at a McDonald's restaurant in Robinson Township, Pa. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



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A doctor keeps a pedestrian away from the JFK Ebola treatment centre in Monrovia, Liberia. The World Health Organization raised its Ebola death toll tally Tuesday to 4,447 people, nearly all of them in West Africa, out of more than 8,900 believed to be infected. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

U.S.-Ebola case

Texas nurse says she's doing well



Nina Pham, 26.

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The Texas nurse who became the first person to contract Ebola on American soil said Tuesday that she is doing well as her hospital expressed optimism about her recovery.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas released a statement on Nina Pham's behalf Tuesday. The comments were her first since she became infected with Ebola while caring for a man from Liberia who later died of the disease.

"I'm doing well and want to thank everyone for their kind wishes and prayers," Pham said.

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WHO predicts 10,000 new cases of Ebola per week

World Health Organization. The UN agency warns of grim situation if world's response to the crisis isn't stepped up

West Africa could face up to 10,000 new Ebola cases a week within two months, the World Health Organization warned Tuesday, adding that the death rate in the current outbreak has risen to 70 per cent.

WHO assistant director-general Dr. Bruce Aylward gave the grim figures during a news conference in Geneva. Previously, the agency had estimated the Ebola mortality rate at around 50 per cent overall. In contrast, in events such as flu pandemics, the death rate is typically under two per cent.

Acknowledging that Ebola was "a high mortality disease," Aylward said the UN health agency was still focused on trying to get sick

In numbers

4,447

The World Health Organization raised its Ebola death toll tally Tuesday to 4,447 people, nearly all of them in West Africa.

people isolated and provide treatment as early as possible.

He told reporters if the world's response to the Ebola crisis isn't stepped up within 60 days, "a lot more people will die" and health workers will be stretched even further. Experts say the epidemic is doubling in size about every three weeks.

WHO raised its Ebola death toll tally Tuesday to 4,447 people, nearly all of them in West Africa, out of more than 8,900 believed to be infected. Aylward said calculating the death rate means tracking the outcomes of all possible patients — a complicated process since the numbers of cases are substantially underreported and much patient

data is missing.

Health workers have been hit hard by the virus, which is spread by contact with bodily fluids like blood, vomit and diarrhea. Doctors Without Borders said 16 of its employees had been infected with Ebola and nine of them have died.

Speaking Tuesday in Johannesburg, the head of the charity's South Africa unit, Sharon Ekambaram, said medical workers have received woefully inadequate assistance from the international community.

"Where is WHO Africa? Where is the African Union?" said Ekambaram. "We've all heard their promises in the media but have seen very little on the ground."

For the last month, there's been about 1,000 new Ebola cases per week — including suspected, confirmed and probable cases, Aylward said. The UN agency was aiming to get 70 per cent of Ebola cases isolated and 70 per cent of victims safely buried by December to reverse the outbreak. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Donation

Facebook CEO, wife giving \$25M to fight Ebola

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, are donating \$25 million US to the CDC Foundation to help address the Ebola epidemic.

The money will be used by the U.S. Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention's Ebola response effort in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone and elsewhere in the world where Ebola is a threat, the foundation said Tuesday.

The grant follows a \$9-million donation made by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen last month. Zuckerberg and Chan are making the grant from their fund at the non-profit Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

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Facebook president and CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his wife, Priscilla Chan, are donating \$25 million US to the CDC Foundation to help address the Ebola epidemic, the foundation said Tuesday.

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Weary-looking Toronto Mayor Rob Ford casts advance ballot

Battling cancer. Ford said he is returning for another round of chemotherapy on Oct. 29 — two days after the election

Quoted

“My brother’s going to be the best mayor the city’s ever had.”

Rob Ford, referring to his brother Doug

A weary-looking Rob Ford cast his ballot today as advance polls opened ahead of the Toronto municipal election.

Ford, who is between chemotherapy treatments for a rare and aggressive form of cancer, says he wanted to support his brother Doug Ford’s bid for the mayor’s job.

Speaking to reporters outside the polling station, the mayor said he is tired and feeling “not very good.”

He said he is returning for another round of chemotherapy on Oct. 29 — two days after the election.

Ford pulled out of the

mayoral race after being admitted to hospital last month and has been campaigning for his former council seat.

His brother then announced he would run for mayor, saying he wants to continue the work they began four years ago.

“My brother’s going to be the best mayor the city’s ever had,” Rob Ford said.

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford sits down to cast his ballot in advance voting for the Toronto municipal election at an Etobicoke, Ont., polling station on Tuesday.

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Biologist describes grisly video at Magnotta trial



Luka Rocco Magnotta is pictured in Berlin, Germany, in a court photo.

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CAUTION: GRAPHIC CONTENT.

A forensic biologist has told the jury in Luka Rocco Magnotta’s first-degree murder trial in Montreal that after watching a so-called murder video, she was able to know where to look for blood stains that turned out to be Jun Lin’s.

Jacinthe Prevost said she watched the video twice — once before entering Magnotta’s apartment for the first time and once before examining the evidence.

Prevost examined blood stains found throughout the

apartment and on exhibits seized by police at the crime scene.

The jury has not yet seen the video but has been told of its existence.

“They (investigators) told me what it was briefly and they asked if I wanted to see it and I said ‘yes,’” she testified Tuesday.

Prevost described what she could remember of the video: a body lying prone on a bed and someone wearing a hoodie who appears to be stabbing the victim with a sharp object.

Later, there is an attempt to masturbate using a severed right arm as well as anal penetration on a mutilated corpse.

Prevost said a small black dog can be seen chewing on a severed limb while, in other sequences, there were various images of a severed arm in the freezer.

She said she was struck by how few items were found in the bachelor apartment.

“The apartment was empty, it was a semi-furnished with no personal effects,” Prevost said.

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At a glance

- Luka Rocco Magnotta, 32, has pleaded not guilty to five charges in Jun Lin’s murder and dismemberment in late May 2012.
- Magnotta has admitted to the acts he’s accused of in Lin’s death, but is arguing he is not criminally responsible by way of mental disorder.

En route to Paris

Unruly passenger forces jet to land in N.L., police say

The RCMP say an Air France flight en route to Paris made an unexpected stop in Newfoundland because of an intoxicated and unruly passenger.

The Mounties say the Boeing 777 touched down

safely at Gander International Airport on Sunday shortly after 10 p.m. after taking off from New York. Police allege a passenger refused to follow instructions from the flight crew and the captain felt the woman posed a safety risk to other passengers. Officers boarded the aircraft when it landed in Gander and arrested a 65-year-old American woman.

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California

Lawmaker hopes to rename tunnel after Robin Williams

A California lawmaker said he plans to introduce a resolution to rename a tunnel north of the Golden Gate Bridge after the late comedian Robin Williams.

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Robin Williams

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Honolulu International

Passenger arrested for sexual assault aboard plane: FBI

A Japan Airlines flight had to return to Honolulu after a male passenger sexually assaulted a female passenger in the airplane’s bathroom, the FBI said.

FBI agents arrested

Michael Tanouye, 29, Saturday night at Honolulu International Airport for interfering with a flight crew and aggravated sexual assault aboard an aircraft.

The flight was en route to Kansai International Airport when Tanouye forced his way into a bathroom and sexually assaulted a woman, according to an FBI affidavit.

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Clooney's quest for Greek marbles

Lawyer Amal Clooney attends a meeting with Greek Culture Minister Kostas Tassoulas in Athens, Tuesday. Lawyers Geoffrey Robertson and Amal Clooney arrived Monday on a four-day visit to meet government officials, including Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, and advise on Greece's quest to have the Parthenon Marbles returned to Athens. **THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, POOL**

Canadians are still paying too much for generic drugs: Study

'Grossly deficient'

Provinces, territories faulted for establishing a set price ceiling at 18 per cent of the cost of brand-name drugs

A new study has found that Canada is still paying far more than other industrialized countries for generic drugs, despite recent efforts by the provinces and territories to cut costs by bulk-buying six particularly costly medications.

The study by the University of Ottawa and the Bruyere Research Institute says the price tags on the six drugs — which include medications for high blood pressure and high cholesterol — remain much higher in Canada than they are else-

Bulk-purchasing scheme

In April 2013, the provinces and territories reached an agreement at a Council of the Federations meeting to pay significantly lower prices for the six drugs — amlodipine, atorvastatin, omeprazole, rabeprazole, ramipril and venlafaxine — by joining forces to buy them in bulk.

- Those medications account for about 20 per cent of publicly funded spending on drugs.

The study, published Tuesday on openmedicine.ca, faults the provinces and territories for establishing a set price ceiling for generics at 18 per cent of the cost of brand-name drugs, saying they could drive much harder bargains with a national competitive bidding process of the type that thrives in other countries.

The bulk-buying efforts remain "grossly deficient when one considers the opportunity costs that Canada sustains annually by refraining from adopting one of the alternative systems proven to be more effective in its peer countries."

Jason Nickerson, a clinical investigator at Bruyere, also noted that some of those countries were buying the medications from a Canadian company, Apotex, at substantially lower prices than Canadians are paying. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

France

Making a payment as easy as a tweet

In France, Twitter users can now publicly repay debts, donate to charity or chip in for a gift with a new payment service backed by the country's second-largest banking service.

Users tweet a payment request to S-money, which then requires an authentication code before sending the amount — and a tweet to the destination confirming payment for all the world to see. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Arthur Budovsky

Liberty Reserve founder enters not guilty plea

The Costa Rican founder of payment processing company Liberty Reserve made his first appearance in a U.S. courtroom Tuesday, pleading not guilty to charges that his online bank laundered billions of dollars for criminals.

Arthur Budovsky, 40, was extradited Friday from Spain. A Sept. 21 trial date is set. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Market Minute

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Natural gas: \$3.92 US (-\$0.09)
Dow Jones: 16,315.19 (-5.88)

Ireland unveils growth budget

Ireland unveiled its first expansive budget Tuesday since the collapse of the Celtic Tiger economy six years ago, ending an era of austerity earlier than expected thanks to the return of Europe-leading growth.

Measures unveiled in the 2015 budget will increase spending and tax breaks by a combined 1.2 billion euros (\$1.5 billion US), including a plan to build 6,700 state-funded homes for the poor as Ireland seeks to stimulate even more tax-driving growth. The U-turn follows seven hard-cutting budgets



Irish Finance Minister Michael Noonan, centre right, and Brendan Howlin, minister for public expenditure and reform, in Dublin, Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

that, when combined, took nearly 30 billion euros annually — representing nearly a quarter

of previous domestic demand — out of a shell-shocked economy. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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WHOLE NEW MEANING TO GOOGLE DOCS

If you're looking for a surefire way to get your doctor to snort and roll his/her eyes, start a sentence with "I looked it up on the Internet ..."

And by the time you get to "... and it turns out I have a rare form of terminal acne," he/she will be rolling on the floor disabled by derisive laughter.

Doctors believe, not without justification, that the Internet is a cesspool of medical misinformation. But we use it because it's there. It may take two years to get an appointment with Canada's foremost dermatologist, but there's no shortage of acne experts ready with free advice online 24-7.

So the news that Google is testing a program that allows you to talk to a real doctor via online video is more than good news for people with spots.

It looks like the next big thing.

Let's see. You have a boo-boo. You go to your GP, wait for



JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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at least an hour over the appointed time. You finally get into the examining room, and if it's a complicated boo-boo, he refers you to a specialist. You wait two months, and then go see the specialist, who sends you for a bunch of tests. Then someone books the followup visit.

If you're lucky and you're still alive, maybe you'll get treated for the boo-boo, and maybe relief will follow. Accumulated time: feels like forever.

So imagine tapping "boo-boo" into Google, and connecting to a medical expert who diagnoses your problem right away, just by looking at it. "That's a boo-boo, all right." He sends you to a pharmacy to get the medicine. Relief! Accumulated time: hardly any.

Of course, there are many ailments that actually require tests and deeper exams, but think of all the anxiety diseases a Google doctor program could address, freeing up real

health care for people who need it.

In typical Google manner, this program was launched without fanfare. Some guy tapped "knee pain" into Google, and got an offer to connect with a doctor for free (for now). The way Google works, it could well be closed without fanfare by the time you read this piece.

But it's such a good idea that you wonder why it hasn't happened sooner. And if Google doesn't disrupt health care, there are rumours that Facebook is working on its own program. All your friends could "like" your diagnosis.

As with so many other industries that have been rendered obsolete by technology — just like that — there's a sense of inevitability about this. I'm sure there are at least a million reasons why the medical professions and governments that fund them will decide that online doctor programs are bad for your health. But there are too many ways to connect over the Internet and circumvent the bureaucracy. It will happen.

Talk about Doctors Without Boundaries.

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Take the plunge

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The Menara Kuala Lumpur Tower is a very tall building in Malaysia's capital, but it's not that cool twin structure you're likely thinking about — those are the Petronas Towers. Anyway, John Van Horne and two fellow BASE jumpers headed to that tower's observation deck to take a leg-jellying and enviable glide into a neighbouring rooftop pool, located in the 421-metre tower's long shadow. (YouTube/John Van Horne)



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Twitter

@metropicks asked: Municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador are asking to have a cap placed on the number of pets per home. How many is too many?

@Dweller15: all depends of your annual income property you own area you live how close neighborhood if all ok - unlimited

@LBjerring: I have three dogs and three cats. That might be too many for some. How about when the neighbours complain? #stink #noise

@ryanmhowell: As soon as the sum total of animals consume more food than the sum total of people.



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SCENE 2

Putting a real Tiger in tank film

Bona fides. Fury is latest flick obsessed with authenticity, using genuine Second World War combat vehicles



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Fury, the new Second World War film starring Brad Pitt and Shia LaBeouf, is being called the most realistic war film of all time. The story of a U.S. 2nd Armored division tank rolling through Germany in the final days of the war is as authentic as director David Ayers could make it.

Actors were put through their paces at a week-long boot camp, living and sleeping inside tanks. Then there were the tanks themselves. Borrowed from collectors all over the world, Fury is the very first time a genuine Tiger 1 tank has been used in a Second World War film.

Onscreen authenticity has been the goal of many directors. As Michael Cimino once said, "If you don't get it right, what's the point?"

Cimino, director of Heaven's Gate and The Deer Hunter, is a stickler for detail. For a scene in a Chinese eatery in Year of the Dragon, the director hired the Shanghai Palace Restaurant to supply the meals that dotted the tables. Cimino not only wanted to create the look but also the vibrant atmosphere (complete with food smells) of a bona fide restaurant. To that end chefs worked round the clock, whipping up 100 plates at a time, using 500 eggs rolls and hundreds of pounds



Scan this image with your Metro News app to watch the trailer for the new Second World War film Fury starring Brad Pitt and Shia LaBeouf. CONTRIBUTED

Spar for the course

No pulling punches for this cast

To hear Logan Lerman tell it, working for director David Ayer is its own brand of harrowing. Prep for the Second World War tank drama started with a few weeks of boxing — the cast sparring with each other, their director encouraging them not to hold back. But it's all for the movie, right?

When did you realize the training would involve

actually boxing with your co-stars?

Right after I got the role, it was, "Now you're going to start fighting." It was pretty casual at first, and then the guys came in and we really started fighting each other. It got intense in there. And it was a total battle of the egos. It was just who was top dog and, "Now we're going to fight each other and see who's the dominant male." That's kind of similar to what the movie was.

That sounds like a terrifying work environment.

It was tough. And I was the

young guy, the inexperienced one ... So yeah, it was a pretty tough year. It was a tough year, man.

How are you feeling now?
I'm great now, man. The movie's over!

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Nut Cracker Sweets

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Number of real squirrels an animal trainer spent 10 months training to crack and sort nuts on a conveyor belt for the Nut Room scene in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

of chicken, beef, shrimp and vegetables. "If the food got cold we had to throw it away," said chef Charlie Wu. "The food doesn't look good when it is cold."

Any other director would have done the Nut Room scene in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory with computer-generated imagery, but Tim Burton decided he wanted a more lifelike approach. To make sure the scene looked as real as possible, animal trainer Steve Vedmore spent 10 months training 40 real squirrels to crack and sort nuts on a conveyor belt.

Eric Schwab, the second unit director on Bonfire of the Vanities, was asked to grab a shot of the Concorde landing in New York against the backdrop of the setting sun. Schwab spent months studying the rotation of the Earth and the flight path of the plane to capture the perfect, pure moment when the sun framed the landing aircraft.

Finally, it's not just live-action movies that go to extreme lengths for authenticity. The creators of Monsters Inc. individually animated each of giant fuzzball Sully's 2,320,413 hairs to make them look as lifelike as possible. Every frame featuring the character took 11 hours to render.

Logan Lerman CONTRIBUTED

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McCarthy gets a master class from Bill Murray

Showing more range. Bridesmaids star Melissa McCarthy tones down the comedic persona for her role as a struggling mom in *St. Vincent*



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Melissa McCarthy admits she was nervous to work opposite Bill Murray in *St. Vincent*.

"Is that not true for every human being?" she asks rhetorically, before adding she was intimidated, "in every possible way."

"He's an icon. It's less about him being one of the funniest human beings, and more about that he's such a good actor. I thought this role was right in his wheelhouse because I knew he wasn't going to overplay it. Then to see him do it so subtly and so underplayed, makes you love that character so much."

It was a master class for me."

The Bridesmaids star plays Maggie, a recent divorcee and mother of 10-year-old Oliver (Jaeden Lieberher). Her nursing job requires long hours and without daycare she is forced to leave the boy with her neighbour, the hard-drinking reprobate Vincent (Murray).

"I liked that she was stripped down," she says. "There are no more tricks. She's out of tricks. She's just trying to survive."

As Maggie, McCarthy takes a step away from her well established comedic persona to deliver a supporting role that has laughs but shows more of her range than we're used to.

"I've played a lot of characters who are very vocal, very aggressive. It's been what the character has called for, but even within those bombastic parts you still have to let that character touch down. Even in a bigger, straight comedy you always have that moment where something's got to break. You see why they're so loud. At least for the women I've played there is a



Melissa McCarthy, left, plays a recently divorced mom in *St. Vincent*. CONTRIBUTED

reason why they are so ballsy and it is nice when you see the crack in the veneer and you realize, 'It's part of their insecurity. They stay loud so nobody yells at them.' I think the same applies to this one, except that the character

wasn't putting on much of a facade. She was falling apart more openly and she had to buckle down and keep moving forward."

St. Vincent is a character piece that showcases the actors — like co-star Naomi

Watts as a plainspoken, pregnant hooker with an impenetrable accent and, if not exactly a heart of gold, an affection for things made of gold — but makes the point that families can be formed anywhere by anyone, even if

Easy does it

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Melissa McCarthy describes the impact of her latest movie, *St. Vincent*.

one is a prostitute, one drinks too much and one spends too much time at work.

"It's a lovely message that (director) Ted (Melfi) handled so beautifully, because it doesn't feel sentimental," says McCarthy. "It's not like, 'And now the message is ...' You just get the feeling in the pit of your stomach that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover."

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Shedding a little light on adult ADHD

October is a month dedicated to awareness about one of the most common mental health issues in Canada, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or ADHD. It may be common, however it is still a highly stigmatized and misunderstood disorder and one that can have an extreme impact on the more than four per cent of Canadian adults that are living and working with ADHD.

Often thought of as a condition that predominantly affects young children, the stark reality is that many adults in Canada suffer from negative symptoms associated with ADHD, such as distractibility, forgetfulness and procrastination, just to name a few.

These symptoms have dramatic impacts in the workplace that are far reaching beyond the individual and employer — socially, economically, and professionally.

According to the Centre for ADHD Awareness Canada (CADDAC), more than 90 per cent of Canadian adults with ADHD remain untreated, mainly due to lack of awareness of the condition and knowledgeable physicians. Heidi Bernhardt, president and executive director at CADDAC, explains how untreated

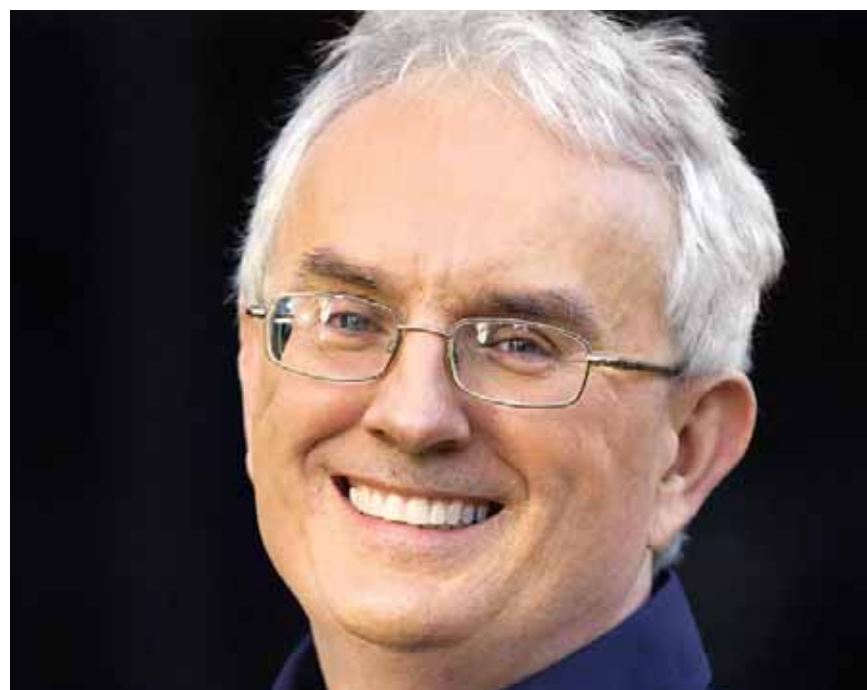
adults can spend their lives struggling: "it is incredibly difficult for someone who is living with ADHD, to implement strategies and access treatment if they are unaware of the disorder or how it may impact their functioning."

Award winning comedian and actor, Rick Green, who was diagnosed with ADHD as an adult, candidly speaks about his ADHD traits and how they were both beneficial and detrimental to his career.

"I could write, direct and produce a TV show, yet couldn't find my car keys every morning. I could sit down and create a brand new television series in an hour but after four days, barely started my tax return."

As part of the awareness activities this month, CADDAC is looking to elevate the issue of ADHD in the workplace and encourage an open dialogue between employees and employers. Often when the employee and employer work together to put simple strategies and accommodations in place, it becomes a win-win scenario for both.

"For me, getting the diagnosis of ADHD was transformative because suddenly I understood



Actor Rick Green CONTRIBUTED

why I struggled with some pretty simple things. I think more than any other mental health issue, education about ADHD is crucial — when I started to deal with my ADHD, life got so much easier."

"If you are suffering, it could be needless suffering."

For more information on ADHD in adults and the annual educational conference in Vancouver on Nov. 1 and 2, visit: caddac.ca.

Avatar Secrets



Episode Two: Courage

Ramona logs into the game to venture onto her first quest. She almost quits when she is prompted to kill a beast — this is not what she signed up for. “We still treat the Internet as if it’s this really dangerous place, when it’s just our imagination,” says Jesse Hirsh, founder of The Academy of the Impossible. Scan this photo for a video of Hirsh talking about how our imagination impacts our view of online.

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Britpop. Noel Gallagher to release new solo album

Noel Gallagher, who along with brother Liam was part of the chart-topping group Oasis until their acrimonious 2009 split, announced on Monday he would release a new solo album in March.

The album, Chasing Yesterday, will be his third solo effort after The Dreams We Have as Children in 2009 and Noel Gallagher’s High Flying Birds in 2011.

The British pop bad boy, who was the main songwriter

and guitarist for Oasis, also announced a European tour in March 2015.

It will begin with shows in British cities before moving to the European continent with dates planned in Paris, Milan, Copenhagen and Brussels.

The announcement of the new album is likely to further dampen hopes of any Oasis reunion, following rumours that Noel may have made peace with his brother. **AFP**



British singer-songwriter Noel Gallagher. **AFP FILE**

Apocalyptic numbers

Walking Dead top audience draw for cable TV show

The Nielsen Company says the 17.3 million people who watched the fifth season opener of The Walking Dead Sunday is a record both for the show and for a cable television program.

Nielsen said that represented the biggest audience ever for a single non-sports program on cable TV. The AMC drama beat its previous record audience of 16.1 million for the fourth season opener last October.

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Chad Coleman and Sonequa Martin-Green in The Walking Dead. **AMC**

Freakishly good showing



Jessica Lange stars in American Horror Story. **FX**

American Horror Story has more terror in store

The American Horror Story series has been renewed for its fifth season, which will introduce fans to a new setting and plot in October 2015.

Just after premiering the fourth season, titled Freak Show, FX has picked up yet another cycle of the show. Some 6.1 million viewers tuned in live for the first episode on Oct. 8. When catch-up audiences are counted, the episode crossed the bar of 10 million viewers, an unprecedented figure for the American cable network. **AFP**



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Gwyneth Paltrow ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Nightmare on Gwyneth's street: Neighbors none too happy after political party

There's more fallout for Gwyneth Paltrow due to the recent Barack Obama fundraiser she hosted at her home. Apparently she not only ticked off the hired help but has drawn the ire of her neighbours — and they're so miffed that they'll even speak on the record.

"It was extremely poor planning on Gwyneth's part. Politicians have the right to raise funds, and Gwyneth has the right to throw a party, but next time she decides to throw a political fundraiser,

do not do it on our street," neighbour Bret Lewis tells Radar Online.

"Mandeville Canyon has only one road that connects us to the rest of the city. Gwyneth lives at the bottom of the canyon, so basically everyone was shut out," he adds. "To have this road closed off is a horrible thing. My daughter had an exam the next morning and was very upset, but God forbid someone had a heart attack or there was a real emergency."

Bye-bye, Bridget: Hugh flips the script on comedy sequel

Bad news, Bridget Jones fans: Hugh Grant says he is definitely sitting out the franchise's third outing. "The book's excellent, by the way, but the script is completely different — or the script as I last saw it a few years ago," Grant said in a recent Free Radio interview. "And in the end I decided not to do it. But I think they are going to go ahead and do it without (my character) Daniel." Grant is apparently referring to the script for Bridget Jones' Baby, a script that at the time Grant, Renee Zellweger and Colin Firth all reportedly had problems with. Series author Helen Fielding then released a third novel with a completely



Hugh Grant

different plot last year, but it's unclear if the planned film would follow suit or stick to its original storyline. The Sun reports that Emma Thompson has been hired to work on the script, so maybe there's hope for Grant's involvement after all, assuming she can get it up to his standards.

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Shia LaBeouf grabber: Actor comments on Cabaret chaos



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Shia LaBeouf is finally telling his side of the story about his arrest during a performance of Cabaret in June, and boy does he tell it well. The Fury star went into great self-deprecating detail about the ordeal — including the bit about him chasing a homeless man through Times Square — during a visit to Jimmy Kimmel Live.

It turns out that while intensely inebriated on far too much whisky after watching a World Cup match, LaBeouf was given a ticket

to the show, starring Alan Cumming and Michelle Williams, by one of its dancers.

And it was all downhill from there, thanks in large part to a very seductive Cumming. "He's smoking a cigarette, so I think, 'Oh, it's that kind of party, I want to have a cigarette, too,'" LaBeouf recalls. Then he noticed Cumming winking at him, so when the actor makes his way through the audience, "All I'm thinking about is the leather pants and him winking at me, and he walks past me and I give him a slap on the ass because I think he deserves it. He's seducing me. I mean, he's the sexiest man I've ever seen. And I don't just slap it, I slap and grabbed him — like I grabbed a whole cheek because I wanted the party right here in my pants." And if you think that's good, you should hear how he describes jail.



Kat Dennings and Josh Groban

Grobes gets the girls: Kat's crushing on a crooner

Well, this one certainly caught me completely off-guard. Adorable and hilarious Thor and 2 Broke Girls star Kat Dennings hit the red carpet at a charity event in L.A. this weekend with her new boyfriend ... Josh Groban. No, seriously. Dennings even posted an Instagram pic of the pair with the caption, "I ship it." Now, if I'm up on my Internet lingo, that should mean that they're not actually a couple, but Dennings is eager to write

fan-fiction about them being a couple. Now I'm even more confused. But jargon confusion aside, apparently this is real. A source even told E! News that "they were so cute together," which is pretty much legally binding in Hollywood. To be fair, though, Groban has enough of a track record with impressive girlfriends — January Jones and, allegedly, Katy Perry — that at this point I'm willing to dub him the nice-guy alternative to David Spade.

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I don't know how I lived with out Skeeter Davis for so long.



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I just took the best #ThrowbackThursday photo. I can't wait for 20 years from now to post it. You guys, it's gonna be great.



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Save for a holiday

Tangerine personal finance expert Preet Banerjee has a few saving tips.

1. Start browsing for vacation packages well before the holiday season begins. The earlier you book, the more likely you are to save up before you travel.
2. Tuck away a few dollars every week or every paycheque. See if your bank offers an automatic savings option.
3. Timing is everything. Travelling just before or after high season can lead to savings and some destinations offer deals during these low periods.
4. See if you can redeem any points collected on your credit card.
5. Consider spending your vacation locally — at a neighbouring community or a country inn or spa.

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New

Expanded Air Canada flights

Air Canada has just announced its 2015 summer schedule, which includes a variety of new flights. Toronto to Amsterdam, usually only available in the summer, will operate year-round up to six times per week. The airline is also upping next summer's service to Paris to twice daily from Toronto and Montreal. And new Air Canada Rouge twice-weekly service will begin next May for flights between Montreal and Venice, and Vancouver and Osaka. **TEXT: DOUG WALLACE, PHOTO: HOLLAND TOURISM**



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Ink or Swim: Niche cruise will leave its mark on travellers

There's likely to be much leering and staring. At times, a bit of disrobing and probably some touching. But that's to be expected on the first tattoo-themed North American cruise that will set sail next year.

Tattoo lovers looking for both a novel vacation idea and a fresh tat may be interested in Ink or Swim, the latest thematic, hyper-niche cruise package to come out of the cruising industry. Produced by tattoo lifestyle magazine Rebel Ink, guests will be able to get inked onboard by some of the top tattoo artists in the U.S., including Tatu Baby from Spike TV's Ink Master; Amy Nicoletto on LA Ink; and Chris Torres, described as the "bad boy of the tattoo industry," known for his old-school style at Red Legged Devils in Brooklyn.

The tattoo-themed cruise will set sail on a five-day excursion from Fort Lauderdale to Cozumel, Mexico on Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas.

And while the idea of a tattoo-themed cruise package may sound quite niche, Rebel Ink magazine's editor-in-chief Paul Gambino says it's estimated that about 20 per cent of Americans have at least one tattoo. Other activities will include beach parties, tattoo contests, bikini competitions, FlowRider surf simulator, musicals, casino and Burlesque shows. For more info visit inkorswimtattoocruise.com. **STORY AND PHOTO: AFP**



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There's plenty to pour over in Prague

Czech, please! This capital city is known for its party scene — come along and imbibe in the offerings at these swank bars

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In the Pilsner's birthplace, where beer is cheaper than water and only quick reflexes will keep the waiter from slamming another pint on your table, it's hard not to order what the Czech call "liquid bread."

But the Czech Republic has a storied history with spirits, too, particularly absinthe, and cocktail bars in the capital Prague are garnering worldwide attention for what their bartenders do with them. Pull up a stool at these three fine establishments.

Cloud 9 Skybar & Lounge

This Las Vegas-style bar atop a colossal Hilton is all about creating an experience, starting with a seductive automated voice welcoming you when the doors whoosh open. Through a long black marble gallery and into a swankily furnished room, you'll find founding mixologist Roman Uhlir stirring, shaking and straining over 50 cocktails, including 10 signatures.

Arrive between 6 and 9 p.m. and drink unlimited signature cocktails for less than \$50. That includes Mystic, a refreshing vodka, lime and ginger creation with a touch of brown sugar, and Extravaganza, an icy gin mix softened by raspberries and a dose of mint.

But Charisma steals the show. A multi-sensory vodka and melon liqueur blend originally concocted for Czech photographer Jan Saudek, it's delicately sweet and bitter with subtle spiciness from a full-sized chili pepper perched on the rim.

The menu includes five-step instructions for drinking Charisma ceremoniously, beginning by asking you to close your eyes and picture the most beautiful



Prague might be better known for beer, but it's full of spirit, too! ISTOCK



The Hemingway Bar features suspender-wearing servers. OMAR MOUALLEM/METRO

evening. Tempting, but what's more beautiful than this ninth-storey view of Old Town Prague?

OBLACA

Come to expect anything at OBLACA, a sci-fi room inside a futuristic-looking transmitter tower with creepy, faceless, giant baby sculptures crawling up the sides.

The bar top, covered in funnels, beakers and bitters, leaves little room for the potions made on the other side of it. And that's not limited to drinks: Proteges of Achim Sipl, a world champion mixologist, make cocktail sorbets and amuse bouche samplers (if you're lucky, there's Screwdriver caviar on the tasting plate).

The cocktails are equally playful, turning classics

contemporary with small innovations. Think earthy Cosmopolitans infused with Italian tea and Old Fashioneds billowing with orange steam.

But it's not all gimmicks. The barkeep delivers an impeccable Rusty Nail made with seven-year-old Scotch. It's hard-nosed as it should be, yet clean as one can hope for.

When you're having this much fun, you can drink into the night, but make sure you take a break before midnight to sit in a green-lit pod on the observatory floor.

Hemingway Bar

Lots of Prague businesses clamour for tourists' attention by adopting Franz Kafka's name, but this bar pays

Menu offerings

The Hemingway Bar boasts a 64-page menu filled with 200 rums and the largest absinthe selection in the country. There's also another Hemingway favourite on offer: Cuban cigars.

homage to the author of many American classics and drink recipes alike.

Dimly lit and classy, the cavernous Old Town space is decorated with framed Ernest Hemingway portraits, travelling Africa or with his polydactyl felines — which also get a tribute here. Six Fingers Cat is a blue agave cocktail that's smooth and smokey, with subtle flavours arising from six disparate ingredients, including rosemary, creme de cacao and dates.

For a well-rounded drink that goes down quickly, try English Mustard. Sweet and salty, it's Beefeater Gin, orange mustard and rose-lime cordial topped with a slab of cured bacon. But if you want something closer to dessert, you can't go wrong with a Pistachio and Black Currant Cosmopolitan.

And the suspender-wearing servers treat cocktails like meals, returning to gauge your satisfaction or whether you'd like it sourer or bitterer.

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What have you got under your sleeve?

Ink on the agenda.

As more workers get tattoos, some companies are easing their rules around visible body art

When Rob Dale decided to wear a short-sleeved dress shirt on a warm fall day, his choice of clothing didn't cross his mind until he arrived at a business breakfast event — and then he suddenly felt uncomfortable.

"I was conscious of the fact that my arms were covered in tattoos," recalled the Ottawa-based Dale.

"You didn't see any other tattoos. Most people were in some form of semi-casual business attire."

Dale had recently finished training to become a business coach and was attending a monthly breakfast hosted by the Orleans Chamber of Commerce.

"I was a new face in a room of about 80 owners ... With all of these tattoos, (I) felt quite like I was standing out."

As it turns out, Dale's inked arms were a point of interest for a tattooed gym owner, with whom he booked a meeting.

"He said, 'Well, actually, to be honest with you, the reason I decided to sit down with you is because I saw the tattoos and I knew you wouldn't be the normal, kind of clichéd business coach. I knew that there would be something unique about you.'"

"And so in his case, it opened that door to having that conversation about coaching and all of that."

Dale, 47, said he has



Business coach Rob Dale says that in some professional situations, his tattoos have helped more than they've hindered him.
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never had anyone tell him that they have an issue with, or are uncomfortable with, his tattoos.

"When I'm coaching a client and I'm meeting with them regularly ... they see such value in the coaching, the personality is what has connected us in that environment," he said.

"When I go in a short-sleeved shirt ... it's not even brought up. Or somebody will say, 'I didn't know you have tattoos. Don't they ever look great,' and ask me about them."

Still, Dale has made a conscious choice when meeting a prospect for the first time to wear a dress shirt and jacket — thus keeping them covered.

"I typically will do that with people, not because I think they'll have an issue with it, because 99 per cent of the time my experience has been that people don't really care," Dale said.

"But often times, first impressions go a long way, and I'm trying to establish trust. I just don't want it to be a hindrance."

As individuals from all walks of life get inked on conspicuous parts of their bodies, some companies are loosening the reins when it comes to workers keeping tattoos under wraps.

Hilary Predy, an associate vice-president with recruitment agency Adecco, said some organizations are being a "little more lib-

eral" about accepting minor facial piercings, but many

I'll take my Tims with some tats

Tim Hortons recently announced a revision to its dress-code policy to allow employees to have "visible, non-offensive tattoos" at the discretion of management.

- The move came after research started in the spring of 2013 to get a sense of workers' values and thoughts about the company. Focus groups were conducted with employees in Canada and the U.S., in addition to interviews with restaurant

A colourful crew

"Visible tattoos are ubiquitous these days, and there's an enormous part of the population — especially the younger population — who you are arbitrarily deciding you can't hire. And that's a great way to miss out on potential talent."

Danny Kastner

Lawyer specializing in employment, labour and human rights law

companies still have policies surrounding visible tattoos.

"We suggest that until you know what the acceptable standard is within that company, particularly for your interview, go with them covered. When you can see what's acceptable with other employees, you'll be able to judge what you'll be able to reveal. But for your first impression, you may want to be neutral," Predy said from Edmonton.

Ultimately, Predy said people should be hired according to what they bring to the company, based on their skills and experience.

"It is a partnership between the employee and the

employer to find a median ground that is acceptable for both."

Danny Kastner, a lawyer who specializes in employment, labour and human rights law at Toronto firm Turnpenny Milne, said he'd advise companies against creating policies surrounding visible tattoos for a few reasons — the first being the potential screening out of "a whole host" of qualified candidates.

"Visible tattoos are ubiquitous these days, and there's an enormous part of the population — especially the younger population — who you are arbitrarily deciding you can't hire."

"And that's a great way to miss out on potential talent," he said.

"It may well have been the case ... that 25 years ago, having someone with a visible and unusual piercing would scare off potential customers in a retail business, for example."

"That's simply not the case anymore. And therefore what the company would be doing is unnecessarily limiting its talent pool, unnecessarily causing potential conflict with current employees all in pursuit of a policy that is extremely unlikely to actually advance its own business interests."

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This isn't the spicy chili sauce you might add into your soup or pasta dishes but the sweet, almost ketchup-like sauce you find in the same aisle as barbecue sauce and ketchup.

You can change it up and use your favourite barbecue sauce or kicked-up ketchup.

FLASH FOOD



From your fridge to your table in about 30 minutes or less

Sometimes we have a refrigerator full of condiments and don't know how to use them in cooking. A little bit goes along way when it comes to condiments, which are truly ideal for adding big flavour to a sandwich like this.

If you're not up for a sandwich, you can simply serve them over some steamed rice.

1. In a large bowl, using fork stir together chili sauce, egg, bread crumbs, garlic, Worcestershire sauce, oregano, thyme and pepper until well combined. Add beef and mix together using hands to distribute evenly.

2. Using hands, roll meat mixture into about 30, 1-inch (2.5 cm) meatballs and place



START TO FINISH ABOUT 26 MINUTES

This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp (45 ml) chili sauce or ketchup
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) dry seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) dried thyme
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
- 1 lb (454 g) extra lean ground beef
- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) honey mustard
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) water
- 6 small whole wheat sub buns
- 1 cup (250 ml) chopped lettuce
- 1 tomato, chopped

on parchment paper lined plate or tray.

3. Heat large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat and brown meatballs, in batches if

necessary, turning occasionally on all sides for about 8 minutes or until browned. Remove.

4. Wipe skillet with paper towel and return to medium

heat and add oil and cook onion for about 5 minutes or until softened. Add mustard and water; return meatballs to skillet and toss to coat, stirring occasionally with sauce for 3

minutes or until meatballs are no longer pink inside.

5. Divide meatballs and sauce among sub buns and top with lettuce and tomato.

When in doubt, simply wing it



This recipe makes 2 lbs (1 kg) of wings, to serve 2 to 4. NEWS CANADA

1. Preheat oven to 425 F (220 C). If wings are whole, cut in half at joint, then cut off wing tips and discard. Place in bowl.

2. In separate bowl, whisk peanut butter with lime juice, soy sauce, hoisin sauce, brown sugar, chili garlic sauce and hot pepper sauce until combined. Toss with wings, stirring occasionally, while oven preheats.

3. Set 1 or 2 well-greased racks over 1 or 2 foil-lined baking sheets. Place wings skin-side up on racks, making sure to not crowd wings. Spread any peanut butter mix left in bowl all over wings.

4. Bake wings, turning halfway through cooking,

35 minutes. Sprinkle with chopped peanuts, if desired.

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Ingredients

- 2 lbs (1 kg) chicken wings
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) peanut butter
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) lime juice
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) each soy sauce and hoisin sauce
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) brown sugar
- 2 to 3 tbsp (30 to 45 ml) hot Chinese chili garlic sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) hot pepper sauce

Watching a game while eating wings just can't be beat. Be sure to have plenty of

napkins on hand when you settle in with these Spicy Peanut Wings.

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Rainmen hope to score more points with fans

NBL Canada. Local basketball team hopes to find consistency on court and in arena seats



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Andre Levingston knows that now more than ever, players scoring more points and fans filling more seats are vital to the Halifax Rainmen's success.

The National Basketball League of Canada club's owner and president won't call it a make-or-break season, but believes "it's definitely an important year" for a team that has struggled with consistency on the court and attendance numbers at games since its inception eight years ago.

"We've listened over the years," Levingston said Tuesday inside the gym at Cole Harbour High School, where students cheered for dazzling lay-ups and three-point shots put on display by the professional players vying for a spot on the final Rainmen roster.

"We've done some things differently," he said of preparation for the 2014-15 season, which starts on the road Nov. 7 against the Moncton Miracles.

Changes include the return of "our favourite coach," Joseph (Pep) Claros, adding new administrative staff such as CEO Charmaine MacIsaac and "bringing back some players that our fans are familiar with," Levingston said.

Last season, the Rainmen snagged a first-round playoff win over the Saint John Mill Rats, but fell to the Island Storm in semifinals.



Rainmen hopefuls take turns demonstrating their skills Tuesday during the team's annual media day at Cole Harbour High School. JEFF HARPER/METRO



Joseph Claros
JEFF HARPER/METRO

Recognizable returning players include six-foot-nine, 235-pound centre Tim Parham of Chicago, who finished first in the league last season for rebounds with 541 in 50 games played for a 10.82 per game average.

"I think me and Clink coming back is a good start," he said of fellow Rainmen veteran Clifford Clinkscales, a five-foot-eleven, 180-pound point guard from Queen's, N.Y.

while attending Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Elementary School and Sir John A. Macdonald High School.

So the opportunity to play pro ball for the Halifax Rainmen is special for the six-foot-one, 215-pound shooting guard, who joined the roster late last season after two years competing in Lebanon and five years with Mount Saint Vincent University.

"To come back here and

Dates to remember

- **Oct. 15** — Tickets on sale via Ticket Atlantic Box Office or ticketatlantic.com
- **Nov. 7, 7 p.m.** — Game vs. Moncton Miracles (away)
- **Nov. 8, 7 p.m.** — Game vs. Island Storm (home opener)
- **Oct. 31, 11 a.m.** — Halloween School Day Jam (free for kids)

"And bringing in a nice group of guys like we have now. Hopefully everybody gels ... and we get some wins ... and people start coming to the games."

More fans will come out to the Scotiabank Centre to see

the Halifax Rainmen in action "if we play hard every game," Clinkscales added.

"We've been ... practising two times a day, so we're looking really good," he said. "This year, we're going to be a deep team."

The Rainmen introduced 17 candidates currently at training camp during the team's annual media day, but the 2014-15 roster still has to be whittled down to 12. The players took time to sign autographs, snap photos and shoot some hoops with the high schoolers.

"We've always done a lot in the community, which we will continue to do," Levingston said.

"We have to put a good product on the floor, be more visible, and then ... just show that stability," he said of ensuring his team's success. "All those things play a part."

Playing in Halifax 'means a lot' to hometown hoopsters

It's all about backyard hoops for Abe Toulany.

Sure, he gave hockey a try while growing up in Timberlea, but he would more often find himself shooting a ball on the pavement behind his house instead of a puck on the ice at the rink.

"I started playing basketball because my family had a net in the backyard," Toulany, 28, said Tuesday of developing basketball dreams

play locally, it's a great feeling."

Rainmen hopeful Jay Grant of North Preston agrees "it means a lot" to play at the NBL Canada level in his hometown.

The sport helped him grow into a responsible player and person, he said.

"It kept me out of trouble," the six-foot-two, 200-pound shooting guard said Tuesday, as teenagers interacted with

players on the Cole Harbour High School court. "It helped me a lot in life."

He believes basketball can do the same for many other Halifax youth.

"It means a lot to have a pro team in the city," he said. "Especially to young kids growing up that aspire to play basketball. For them, to see kids in their community doing (this) ... it's a positive thing." **KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO**

Guard returning to Halifax

The Rainmen announced Tuesday that shooting guard Chris Matthews is returning to their training camp roster this week, pending clearance by FIBA. The Rainmen acquired Matthews in a trade last season with the Saint John Mill Rats, in exchange for a 2014 first-round pick.

Hockey. Szabados ready for full season with men

Shannon Szabados knows from her taste of the Southern Professional Hockey League to expect the unexpected this season.

The goalie went down to Georgia at the end of September to get ready for a full season with the Columbus Cottonmouths. Training camp opens Wednesday.

The 10-team SPHL is a minor pro men's league.

Szabados started in a pair of one-goal losses to conclude the 2013-14 regular season and played the third period of a Cottonmouths playoff loss in April.

"Getting a taste of what it would be like for the next seven or eight months that I'll be here was definitely an advantage," Szabados said from Columbus.

"It will be nice to start here fresh at the beginning of the season and get in a few games and be on the ice every day."

The Cottonmouths open at home Oct. 24 against the Knoxville Ice Bears.

Head coach and GM Jerome Bechard said he was leaning toward starting Szabados in the season opener, even though Andrew Loewen of Winnipeg has more experience.

"I want to get that first win for her really bad," Bechard said. "We play 56 games. In my mind, right off the bat, the plan is for her to get 20 games, if not more. I guess time will tell."

Szabados backstopped the Canadian women's hockey team to Olympic gold last February in Sochi and she also filled in March 5 at an Oilers practice in her hometown of Edmonton.

After last season's short stint



Shannon Szabados of the Columbus Cottonmouths, last March in Georgia. TODD KIRKLAND/GETTY IMAGES

Thriving with the boys

Shannon Szabados played four years in the Alberta Junior Hockey League with Sherwood Park, Bonneyville and Fort Saskatchewan.

- She was named the AJHL's top goaltender in 2006-07.
- Szabados then spent five years in Alberta men's college hockey with Grant MacEwen and then NAIT where she set a league record for the lowest goals-against average (1.58) in 2012-13.

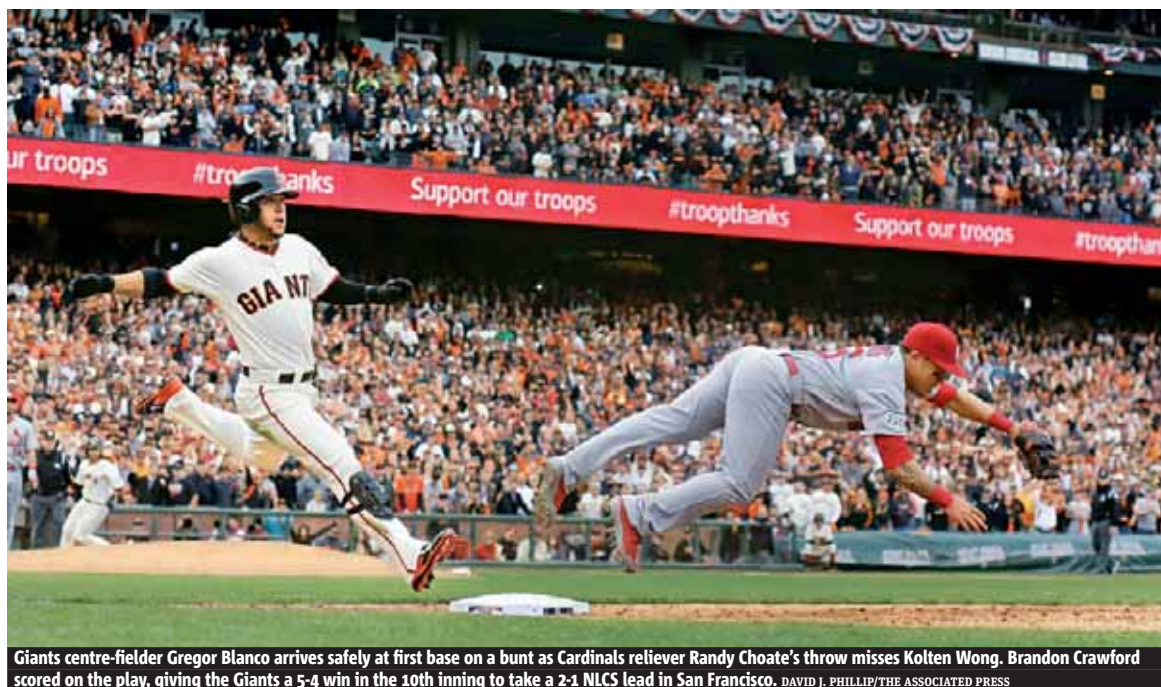
in Columbus, Bechard resigned Szabados in July.

"I wouldn't bring her in if she wasn't legit and didn't give us an opportunity to win," Bechard said. "She is probably one of the most technical goalies I've seen." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Drone reps for Albanian fans

Serbia defender Stefan Mitrovic grabs a flag with Albanian national symbols flown by a drone in the 41st minute of a European Championship qualifier on Tuesday in Belgrade, Serbia. When Albanian players attempted to protect the flag, several Serbian fans invaded the pitch and clashed with the Albanians. The match was suspended by officials with the score tied 0-0. Scan the image with your Metro News app for more Euro coverage. ANDREJ ISAKOVIC/AFP/GETTY IMAGES



Giants centre-fielder Gregor Blanco arrives safely at first base on a bunt as Cardinals reliever Randy Choate's throw misses Kolten Wong. Brandon Crawford scored on the play, giving the Giants a 5-4 win in the 10th inning to take a 2-1 NLCS lead in San Francisco. DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blanco's bunt lets Giants fans get blotto

MLB post-season. San Francisco gets winning run the small-ball way to grab series lead from Cardinals

Once the Giants finally got a bunt down, the rest was easy.

A wild throw by reliever Randy Choate on a bunt allowed Brandon Crawford to score the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning, lifting the San Francisco Giants over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4 on Tuesday for a 2-1 lead in the



NL Championship Series. Crawford drew an eight-

pitch walk from Choate to begin the inning, ending a stretch of 16 straight Giants retired since Tim Hudson's two-out single in the fourth. After failing on two sacrifice attempts, Juan Perez singled to bring up Gregor Blanco.

Blanco fouled off a bunt try, too, but then pushed one to the left side of the mound and the left-handed Choate's sidearm throw sailed past lunging second baseman Kolten Wong, who was covering first base.

"We don't do anything easy," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "We might have got a little lucky there with Perez when he couldn't get a bunt

down and he gets a base hit. But Blanco laid down a beauty.... I don't know if that's luck as much as great bunt, great speed to put pressure on them."

Randal Grichuk tied it with a solo homer in the seventh that chased Hudson.

Game 4 in the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night, with Ryan Vogelsong pitching for the Giants against fellow righty Shelby Miller.

This walkoff win came 12 years to the day after Kenny Lofton's single in the ninth inning ended the 2002 NLCS against the Cardinals and sent the Giants to the World Series.

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NHL

Gagne lands \$600K gig with Bruins

The Boston Bruins have signed veteran forward Simon Gagne to a one-year contract worth \$600,000 US.

Gagne attended Bruins training camp on a tryout basis. He had a goal and an assist in five pre-season games.

The 34-year-old last played in the 2012-13 season, splitting time between Los Angeles and Philadelphia and had five goals and 11 assists in 38 games.

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Time getting shorter?

NBA to experiment with shorter games

The NBA is going to evaluate if a shorter game could be a better one.

The Brooklyn Nets and Boston Celtics will play a 44-minute pre-season game on Sunday as the league tests a format that features fewer minutes and fewer mandatory timeouts.

The contest will be four minutes shorter than the NBA's standard 48-minute game.

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NBA

Raps ink options on T-Ross, J.V.

The Toronto Raptors picked up the fourth-year team options on Jonas Valanciunas and Terrence Ross on Tuesday, guaranteeing their contracts through the 2015-16 season.

Valanciunas has averaged 10.3 points and 7.6 rebounds in 138 starts in his two seasons with the Raptors. Ross has averaged 8.7 points and 2.6 rebounds in 154 games.

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TV numbers

Average of 2.2M tuned into HNIC, Rogers says

Sportsnet says an average of 2.23 million viewers tuned in to watch the early games of its first Hockey Night in Canada broadcast Saturday.

Five games were shown over five different channels.

An average audience of 2.01 million tuned into Wednesday's season opener between Montreal and Toronto on Sportsnet.

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2015 Subaru WRX

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel drive compact sports sedan
- **Engine.** 2.0-litre turbo-charged flat-four (268 hp)
- **Transmission.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable automatic (CVT)
- **Price.** \$31,645 base, \$35,445 as tested.

Market position

Compact sports sedan for auto enthusiasts. Less-expensive sibling of rowdier and more powerful WRX STI. Goes rallying in the hands of both factory and private race teams. As with all Subaru models, features “boxer” engine and full-time all-wheel drive, the latter now with torque vectoring for greater handling.

Points

- The WRX is based on the new-generation Impreza platform, which offers more interior room and refinement, and a stiffer chassis.
- All-new engine features direction injection
- First-ever 6-speed manual or Sport Lineartronic (CVT) automatic for the WRX.
- No longer available in a hatchback version.



The rear seating area has been significantly increased, but the hatchback option is gone.

Safety features

IIHS Top Safety Pick; seven airbags, including driver's knee bag; 4-wheel disc brakes with ABS, electronic brake force distribution and brake assist; stability and traction control; full-time all-wheel drive; engine immobilizer anti-theft system; whiplash-reducing front performance seats.

Power and poise set WRX apart

PHOTOS: MIKE GOETZ



Review. With 270 hp, AWD, and a responsive automatic CVT, the WRX is quick off the mark and quicker to please

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I got the keys to the 2015 Subaru WRX, and made my way quickly to the car, almost skipping. This was going to be good.

I jumped in and ... it's an automatic. Really? Come on!

I got over it quickly, though, as this is an awesome compact sports sedan — even with the continuously variable automatic transmission.

The new Sport Lineartronic CVT actually creates a new tone in the WRX pallet; slightly less involved, but better suited to

everyday driving, like commuting and general schlepping.

The “manual” mode of the CVT allows you to select your own (simulated) gears, in six- or eight-gear allotments, with paddle shifters. But just letting the CVT do its own thing is also very satisfying.

With the prodigious torque (258 lb.-ft.) available from the new direct-injection, twin-scroll, inter-cooled and turbo-charged 2.0-litre engine, the WRX is a weapon you'll want to point and shoot, and often. A little muscle car if you will.

Subaru's WRX and WRX STI have never prioritized interior materials and design, but this generation features a cabin that is clean and classy, and shouldn't disappoint anybody.

I really like the new D-shaped steering wheel, the high-grip seat material, and 4.3-inch monitor, mounted top-centre on the dash, which displays turbo boost in a cool, virtual analogue gauge.



The 2015 Subaru WRX features a cabin that is clean and classy.

Some will lament that WRX is no longer available as a hatch model, but the rear seating area is significantly increased.

Every new design these days is bound to feature a new “bold and aggressive front-end appearance,” whether the vehicle is a minivan or a supercar. To my eyes, the new “aggressive” front look and “wide body” of the WRX perfectly matches what it can deliver.

The functional hood scoop, sculpted into the new aluminum hood, is lower and wider for better intake efficiency and driver stability — and looks killer.

The new 17-inch aluminum alloy wheels are said to add to the aerodynamic efforts, which also include front and rear spoilers and under-car elements. I thought the dark gun-metal wheels and dark

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grille really set off the crystal while pearl paint on my tester, which was the mid-level WRS Sport trim, which includes a trunk spoiler, sunroof, LED low beams and fog lights.

You have to go to WRX Sport-tech if you want the navigation system, which is combined with a bigger and better screen, and a louder stereo.

Although the WRX STI has a direct competitor with the Mitsubishi Evolution, this regular version of the WRX is pretty much the only thing in its price and power class. The refinements and CVT option for the 2015 version make it even more distinctive.

It's an intriguing choice for an auto enthusiast who is looking for performance with a bit more livable personality for everyday use.

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Porsche secrets are finally revealed

Cutting edge. Prototypes showcase the brightest ideas and flights of fancy

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Porsche has tinkered with many automotive concepts over the past 50 years in the service of vehicle development and design advancement.

Whether those prototypes were seeds that blossomed into future models or mere flights of engineering fancy,

they have remained cloaked in secrecy — until now.

The Porsche Museum at the company's headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany has just unveiled a new exhibit showcasing the brightest ideas and innovations the Porsche brain trust has dreamed up over the years.

Here are a few of the vehicles on display at Project: Secret!, which runs through Jan. 11, 2015.



The 918 is billed as the super sports car of tomorrow. Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a video of tennis star Maria Sharapova taking one for a spin. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Porsche 918 Spyder 2013

Billed at the time as the super sports car of tomorrow, the new 918 Spyder was developed in Porsche's Weissach research centre in southern Germany.

This modular prototype was used to demonstrate the hybrid drive components and software that would go into the future 918 pro-

duction model.

Since the final car's body shape was still in flux at the time, many of the prototype's features were borrowed from the 911 as a stopgap.

The prototype logged plenty of laps at the Nardo Ring test facility in Italy, to ensure that the eventual 887-hp 918 Spyder would cause its well-heeled target buyers to swoon with desire for the \$845,000 supercar.

Porsche 959 C29 1982

This Group B racing study (in main photo far left), with a rear wing as part of its body shell, was a precursor to the production 959.

A 450-hp bi-turbo speed demon endowed with all-wheel-drive and a six-cylinder boxer engine, it topped out at 315 km/h.

Although the 959 first earned its stripes as a rally car in the mid-1980s, its



subsequent street legal incarnations (shown here) were highly sought after by the celeb set.

In 1999, long before Tiger's Escalade bore the brunt of Elin's wrath, six-time major champion Nick Faldo's 959 was beaten by a former lover armed with a sand wedge and a grudge. Three years later, after some bodywork, the rebuilt racer sold at Christie's for £102,750 (\$186,000).

Porsche 984 1984-87

This compact dead ringer for the Miata aimed its headlamps squarely at a younger demographic. Remarkably, it predates Mazda's cute roadster by several years.

The 984 took its design cues from concepts previously worked on for the Spanish automaker Seat.

Under the hood, there was an emphasis on cultivating a dynamic driving



feel without a massive engine. Lightweight on the road and relatively light on the wallet at about 40,000 marks (\$29,000), the 984 wasn't going to be your daddy's Porsche.

A convertible version with a folding hard top was also in the works, as was an all-wheel-drive model geared toward racing.

But sales shortfalls exacerbated by a plummeting dollar put the kibosh on the project, much to Mazda's delight.

Porsche 989 1991

Creative spurts are often triggered by necessity. Mired in economic malaise in the late 1980s, Porsche was looking for something fresh.

The 989 was the company's first vision of a sports car re-imagined as a family sedan.

However, the V8-toting, rear-wheel-drive head-turner was



**Concept car
Type 995
1978-79**

If George Barris had lived in Germany instead of California, perhaps this would have been the original Batmobile.

Although the brightly coloured exoskeleton is the most obvious feature of this concept, what's under the skin is actually

far more forward-looking.

Commissioned by Germany's Federal Ministry of Research and Technology, the type 995 sports several developments that were years, if not decades, ahead of their time.

Stopping power came from an early anti-lock brake system, and shifts were controlled by an electric double-clutch transmission, a forerunner of today's Porsche



The exoskeleton is the dominant feature of this forward-looking concept.

PDK system. The engines included a high-output 4-cylinder, and a small

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Driving Force. As drivers bring more gadgets into their vehicles, designers are adding more storage spaces and cubbyholes

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When you get into your vehicle, you're probably so used to putting your phone in one spot and your coffee in another that you don't even think about it.

But someone else has. In fact, a great deal of work goes into designing storage spaces inside automobiles.

"There's been a steady increase in the amount of stuff brought into the vehicle," says Renae Pippel, director of strategic research at automotive supplier Johnson Controls. "The ability to safely store those items has grown in importance over the years."

"As car designers, we've gotten better ... but there's still a high expectation for the



As priorities change for drivers and passengers, vehicle designers have to adapt storage compartments. JOHNSON CONTROLS

vehicle to accommodate everything brought into it, and to do it safely and securely."

Although automakers do measure items such as drink cups to be sure they'll fit, there's a greater focus on the placement of storage cubbies and how occupants use them.

That's partly because of

development times, since cars can take several years from initial design to production, and lag behind the faster development of larger phones and cups.

More importantly, reaching for items can't be a distraction for the driver, and passengers need to be able to grab things

quickly and easily.

"It's how people interact that dictates where we put storage compartments or cubbies, and if they're covered or uncovered," Pippel says.

"Things need to be intuitive so you're not taking your eyes off the road."

There are always comprom-

ises, including when suppliers have to work with vehicle interior designers to get exactly the right combination of good looks with functionality.

The storage compartments in SUVs and minivans will differ from those of sportier cars, while domestic or Japanese manufacturers may emphasize cubbies or cupholders that European automakers might not.

Studies show that consumer preferences can differ not just in vehicle segments but in global regions, which can be tough for automakers that produce models sold in several markets.

For example, Chinese and European customers like to secure items rather than just toss them into open bins, while North American drivers prioritize holders for garage door openers.

Placement of storage spaces has also changed over the years.

"For a while, cupholders were right in front of the shifters," Pippel says. "You could put a cup there in Drive, but if you put it in Park it would

Cubby facts

- A worldwide study shows that most drivers think sunglasses are the most important item that needs to be within easy reach. Phones ranked second, then GPS units.
- Until the 1970s, most cars had almost no storage cubbies, so many people bought aftermarket cupholders and storage bins.
- Storage for books is still considered more important than for tablets or e-readers, but that's expected to change.

hit it. That's dissatisfying to a customer.

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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Diesel sports car set to make tracks

Lightweight materials, design, connectivity and new-energy cars are the most important automotive trends of 2014, concluded an expert panel of the world's top automotive writers at a recent forum in New York City. These trends form part of a bigger picture within the automotive industry, which a scientific study conducted by Prime Research has identified as the "smart efficiency cluster," driven by the downsizing of engines, significant weight reduction, improved aerodynamics and new energy powertrains, particularly plug-in hybrids. The latter is seen as the most promising electric drivetrain option moving forward, but the onset of premium electric vehicles — driven by the BMW i3 and Tesla Model S — are bringing pure electric vehicles back into the spotlight.

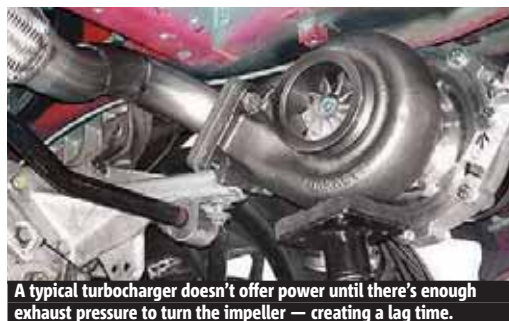
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Pure electric vehicles such as the BMW i8 may soon challenge hybrids as the green vehicle of choice.

Electric turbochargers lose the lag

German automaker Audi says it will put an electric turbocharger in its upcoming SQ7, which is a performance version of the next-generation 2015 Q7 sport-utility vehicle. Ulrich Hackenberg, Audi board member for technical development, told Autocar magazine that the SQ7 would likely be available sometime in 2016. The main advantage of driving a turbocharger with electricity rather than exhaust gases is the elimination of "turbo lag," the need to wait for a turbocharger to spool up and deliver its boost, explains the website Green Car Reports. An electric motor can spool up a turbocharger faster than recirculating the exhaust gases, benefitting both performance and fuel economy.



A typical turbocharger doesn't offer power until there's enough exhaust pressure to turn the impeller — creating a lag time.

Shift points

- The 2016 Mazda 2 will be offered with a range of engines, including a 1.5-litre diesel. The small diesel will generate 105 hp, but with 184 lb.-ft. of torque at 1,500 r.p.m.
- It took nearly 15 years, but Toyota has reached a milestone 100,000 hybrid vehicle sales in Canada. In fact, the company said that of all hybrids sold in Canada since 2000, more than three-quarters bore Toyota or Lexus badges.
- Tesla has made a big commitment in China, says Bloomberg. The automaker is working with China Unicom, the country's second-largest mobile communications carrier, to build 400 new charging points across 120 cities.

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Be flexible if you want to make the most of the next few days. As for the next 24 hours: What appears serious will have a fun side and what seems like a joke could have big consequences.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

The planets are very much on your side at the moment but for best results you should not wait for things to happen, you should make things happen.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The task you have set for yourself may seem scary but if you have confidence in yourself and if you act as if you cannot lose it will be a great success.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Why have you been singled out for so much good fortune? Who cares. The fact is others are going out of their way to make life fun for you. Enjoy!

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You may not be that interested in what family and friends are up to today but you should get involved anyway. Today's Sun-Mars link means it will be more fun than you bargained for.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

The message of the cosmos is clear: Focus only on what you are good at. It does not matter if it has a practical application or if it is going to make you money, now or in the future.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Where would you like to be and what would you like to be doing if money were no object? Start working towards it today.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

As the Sun nears the end of one Scorpio solar cycle you must expect things to be a bit gray and glum but it's OK. A few days from now your fortunes will be transformed.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You will have to make a difficult decision over the next 24 hours but because you know without doubt what is right and what is wrong you will make it quickly and with a clear conscience.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

All work and no play is rarely a good idea and if you go down that route now you may look back later and wish you had been a bit more relaxed.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Today's Sun-Mars link encourages you to be more outgoing, both on a one-to-one level with people you know intimately and with people you meet socially or at work.

♓ Pisces

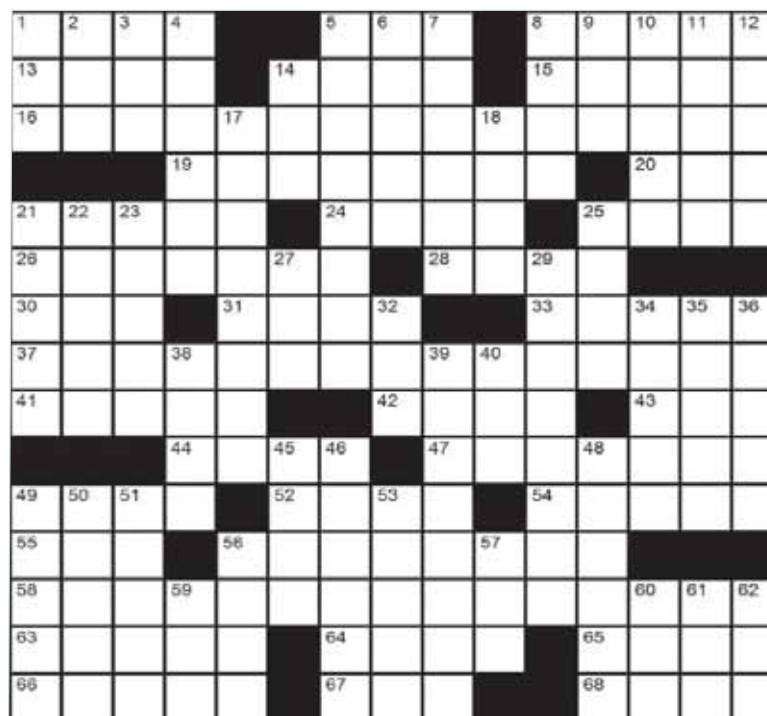
Feb. 20 - March 20

Career matters are under good stars and if there are changes you need to make, now is the time. Take the initiative and make sure everyone can see you have talent and ambition.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Luxe-living maga-
zine, __ Report
5. Central-__
8. October birth-
stones
13. Army garb, com-
monly
14. Jessica Simpson's
ex Tony
15. Blender setting
16. 'A Musical within
a Comedy' ...Tony-
winning Canadian
production, with
The: 2 wds.
19. Generously ap-
plies: 2 wds.
20. Prefix to 'met-
rical'
21. Jason's mythical
wife
24. Amphibious
WWII vessels
25. Particular parrots
26. Claimed
28. Golf's Mr. Bal-
lesteros
30. Bro or sis
31. Loyal
33. __ Tower (Ed-
monton building)
37. Libra symbols:
3 wds.
41. __ humans (Hu-
man beings, in French)
42. Mike Myers
comedy, "The Love
__" (2008)
43. US politician
44. Disconnected, in
music [abbr.]
47. Actress, __. Fox
49. Nails down



52. Roy Rogers' birth
name, Leonard __
54. __ out
55. Company's stock
mkt. debut
56. Was remembered
from the auditions:
2 wds.
58. Why a concert
might get cancelled:
3 wds.

63. 'Caligvla' is a 2012
album by what Can-
adian metal band?:
2 wds.
64. Actor William
65. House: Spanish
66. Computer adminis-
trator, e.g.
67. Canadian singer/
actress Ms. Grynner
68. 'The' as 'Teh'

Down

1. Got [abbr.]
2. Paddle
3. Canuck financial
inst.
4. Canadian comedy/
music act, __ and Blue
5. Sonny & Cher: 2
wds.
6. Between midnight/
noon times = __ __.
7. Canada: West and
East
8. Not closed
9. __ Minerals
(Makeup line)
10. Happened to
happen
11. Miss Lotte __
of Bobby Darin hit
"Mack the Knife"
12. Looks as though...

14. Bakery offering
17. "Canada's __
Person" on CBC
18. Model
21. En __ (All
together)
22. Boot
23. Exclude
25. Didn't discard
27. Hmmms...
29. 79 A.D.: Pompeii's
burier
32. Alphabetic
sequence
34. Approximately, in
dates
35. "Titanic" (1997)
setting
36. Stuff the sofa
again, say
38. Fewer
39. Big name in facial
fillers
40. One of Switzer-
land's Four Forest
Cantons
45. __ Spumante wine
46. Bell, in La Belle
Province
48. Still in one piece
49. Under-sink tubes
50. __ glue
51. Commodities
53. Li'l Abner's
surname
56. Cease
57. Giants slugger-of-
legend Mel
59. Band, with Speed-
wagon
60. Set down
61. Particularly,
puny-ly
62. __ Paulo, Brazil

Yesterday's Crossword



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Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



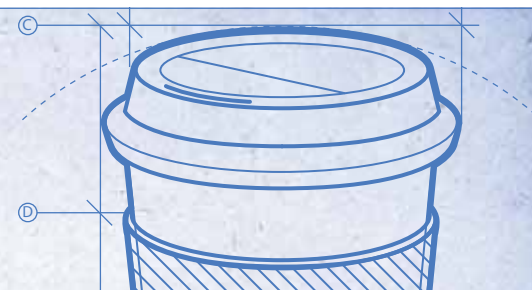
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\$93* BW



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3
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\$86* BW



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WAS: \$27,509*
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1
LEFT

\$0 DOWN

\$136* BW



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